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TWO DAVENPORT MEN SENTENCED ON FEDERAL DRUG CHARGES

DAVENPORT, IA – On September 29, 2011, Goleather Jovan Ellis, age 29, of Davenport was sentenced to 60 months imprisonment and Cardale Leslie Smith, age 22, of Davenport was sentenced to 100 months imprisonment, both for conspiring to distribute crack cocaine, announced United States Attorney Nicholas A. Klinefeldt. United States District Judge John A. Jarvey also sentenced both Ellis and Smith to five years of supervised release following imprisonment.

Ellis and Smith, who pleaded guilty to the charges, admitted that from September 2007, to November 2009, they conspired with Gregory Bloodsaw, Emanuel Ellis, Danielle Ellis, Terrell Esters, Kirk Phillips, and Lacindra Hicks-Spears to distribute at least 2.8 kilograms of crack cocaine. In furtherance of this conspiracy, Smith distributed cocaine base to others, including on six separate occasions between October 30, 2009, and November 5, 2009. Following execution of a search warrant at his residence on November 12, 2009, Smith was found in possession of crack cocaine and \$1,700 cash. Goleather Ellis admitted obtaining crack cocaine from certain sources and distributing it to others. Ellis also assisted in making trips to Chicago for the purpose of obtaining quantities of cocaine that later were converted into crack cocaine.

The investigation was conducted by the Drug Enforcement Administration, the Iowa Department of Public Safety, Division of Narcotics Enforcement, and the Davenport Police Department and was prosecuted by the United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Iowa.

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