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## **COUNCIL BLUFFS MAN SENTENCED ON DRUG TRAFFICKING CHARGE**

COUNCIL BLUFFS, IA - On November 29, 2011, Shannon Wayne Hardisty, age 30, of Council Bluffs, was sentenced to 170 months imprisonment for his participation in a conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine, announced United States Attorney Nicholas A. Klinefeldt. United States District Court Judge John A. Jarvey also sentenced Hardisty to ten years of supervised release following his imprisonment, and imposed a \$100.00 special assessment for the Crime Victim Fund. Hardisty remains detained in the custody of the United States Marshal pending designation of the Bureau of Prisons facility at which he will serve his term of imprisonment.

On August 4, 2011, Hardisty appeared before the Federal Court in Council Bluffs and entered a guilty plea to the charge of conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine. The charge arises from a January 18, 2011, search of the Council Bluffs residence of co-defendant Gary Eldred Kremer, where Hardisty was also residing. During the search, officers found indications of drug trafficking and a loaded sawed-off shotgun in an area in which drug trafficking was occurring. Further investigation determined that the conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine was carried out in Council Bluffs from approximately the summer of 2010, to January 18, 2011, and involved an estimated 1.4 kilogram of mixture or substance containing methamphetamine. Gary Eldred Kremer is awaiting sentencing.

The case was investigated by the SouthWest Iowa Narcotics Enforcement Task Force and the Federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, and was prosecuted by the United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Iowa.