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DAVENPORT MAN SENTENCED TO FEDERAL PRISON ON CHARGE OF DISTRIBUTING METHADONE CAUSING DEATH

DAVENPORT, IA- On September 2, 2011, Colby Jay Josvanger, age 30, of Davenport, Iowa, was sentenced to 240 months imprisonment, having previously pleaded guilty to distribution of methadone resulting in death, announced United States Attorney Nicholas A. Klinefeldt. United States District Judge Robert W. Pratt also sentenced Josvanger to serve at least three years supervised release following imprisonment and ordered him to pay a \$100 special assessment to the crime victims fund. Co-defendant Johnathen Anderson has pleaded guilty and is awaiting sentencing.

On February 7, 2009, eighteen year old Zachary Sullivan was found deceased in a Pleasant Valley residence. A joint Scott County Sheriff's Office/ Davenport Police Department investigation revealed that Josvanger, a heroin addict, was under treatment for substance abuse at the Cedar Valley Recovery Services in Marion, Iowa, and was prescribed take home quantities of methadone.

On February 5, 2009, Josvanger distributed his methadone on two separate occasions to a group of individuals that included Anderson and Sullivan, aware that they would ingest the methadone. On February 6, 2009, Josvanger again distributed his prescription methadone to Anderson, Sullivan, and others. Sullivan subsequently died as a result of ingesting multiple substances, including the methadone distributed by Josvanger.

The investigation was conducted by the Scott County Sheriff's Office and the Davenport Police Department and was prosecuted by the United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Iowa.