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TWO MEN SENTENCED IN ECSTASY CONSPIRACY CASE

DAVENPORT, IA — On June 30, 2011, Damian Tiaire Thomas, age 32, and James Lewis, age 29, were sentenced in federal court in Davenport, Iowa, for conspiracy to distribute MDMA and BZP, also known as ecstasy, announced United States Attorney Nicholas A. Klinefeldt. The sentencing hearings were held before the Honorable John A. Jarvey, United States District Court for the Southern District of Iowa. Judge Jarvey imposed a sentence of 262 months in federal prison for Mr. Thomas to be followed by 3 years of supervised release, and 84 months in federal prison followed by 3 years of supervised release for Mr. Lewis.

On September 14, 2010, a four-count superseding Indictment was returned against Thomas, Lewis, and a third man, Henry Rush, Jr., charging them with conspiracy to possess and distribute ecstasy. Lewis and Rush were also charged with distribution and possession with intent to distribute ecstasy. Mr. Rush pled guilty on December 21, 2010, and a sentencing date has not been set. Mr. Lewis entered a guilty plea on December 21, 2010, to the conspiracy charge, and Mr. Thomas entered a guilty plea on December 23, 2010, to the conspiracy charge.

This case was prosecuted by the United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Iowa, and was investigated by the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration, the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, the Iowa Division of Narcotics Enforcement, the Rock Island Police Department, and the Davenport Police Department.