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KEOTA MAN SENTENCED FOR
CONSPIRACY TO DISTRIBUTE METHAMPHETAMINE AND
FELON IN POSSESSION OF FIREARM

DAVENPORT, IA – On July 15, 2011, Nathan Trier of Keota, Iowa, age 37, was sentenced to 60 months imprisonment, for conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine and for being a felon in possession of a firearm, announced United States Attorney Nicholas A. Klinefeldt. United States District James E. Gritzner also ordered Trier to serve 4 years of supervised release following his imprisonment and pay \$200 to the Crime Victims Fund. On March 22, 2011, Trier entered a guilty plea in federal court for conspiring to distribute at least 5 grams of actual methamphetamine from June 2008 through July 13, 2010, and for possessing a firearm as a felon.

In the summer of 2009, law enforcement commenced an investigation into a group of individuals responsible for cooking large amounts of methamphetamine at a farm located in Wellman, Iowa. During the course of the investigation, law enforcement learned that Trier was responsible for providing pseudoephedrine pills for use in the manufacture of methamphetamine. Trier was ultimately responsible for the manufacture of up to 50 grams of actual methamphetamine. Law enforcement also discovered a loaded Springfield Armory XD-40 Tactical .40 caliber pistol at a residence maintained by Trier. Because he is a convicted felon, Trier is prohibited from possessing firearms.

This case was prosecuted by the United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Iowa and investigated by the Washington County Drug Task Force, Iowa Department of Narcotics Enforcement, and the Keota Police Department.