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TEXAS MAN SENTENCED TO 250 MONTHS IN PRISON FOR CONSPIRACY TO DISTRIBUTE DRUGS AND POSSESSION OF FIREARMS IN FURTHERANCE OF DRUG TRAFFICKING

Davenport, IA- On February 10, 2012, Alvin Lee Cooper, 30, of Plano, Texas, was sentenced to 215 months imprisonment for conspiracy to distribute at least 50 grams of a mixture and substance containing crack cocaine base, at least 500 grams of a mixture and substance containing a detectable amount of marijuana, announced United States Attorney Nicholas A. Klinefeldt. United States District Judge John A. Jarvey also ordered that Cooper will serve 35 months imprisonment for possession of firearms in furtherance of drug trafficking, with the sentences to be served consecutively, for a total prison term of 250 months. Cooper was also ordered to serve a term of 10 years supervised release following his incarceration, and pay \$200 to the Crime Victims Fund.

On November 21, 2009, members of Davenport Police Department's tactical unit were conducting surveillance on a residence on Charlotte Street in Davenport, Iowa, prior to executing a search warrant. Law enforcement officers observed a red Buick Regal registered to Lovell Flowers arrive at the apartment. Officers saw one subject get out of the vehicle and walk inside. A short while later, officers watched two subjects appear to exit an apartment and leave in the Buick Regal. The vehicle was stopped by a marked unit at East 6th and Iowa Street in Davenport

for a loud muffler. The driver was identified as Lovell Flowers, and the front seat passenger was identified as Alvin Lee Cooper. The odor of fresh marijuana was noticeable coming from the passenger compartment, and officers had Flowers and Alvin Cooper exit the vehicle. During a search, Cooper was found to be in possession of \$6783.00.

Following the traffic stop, members of the tactical unit executed a search warrant at a residence on Charlotte Street in Davenport, Iowa. Officers entered the residence and chased two subjects to the rear of the apartment. They were later identified as Deon D. Smith and Lekeebrion D. Jackson. While running through the apartment, officers saw Smith carrying a black handgun in his right hand. Both Smith and Jackson were arrested and transported to the Davenport Police Department. A search of the residence yielded the following: 174.51 grams of crack cocaine, 9,016.04 grams of marijuana, a Taurus .357 revolver, a Sig Sauer 9mm handgun (which had been reported stolen in Texas and was the weapon Smith was carrying), an AK-47 assault rifle (reported stolen from Dunhams Sporting Goods in Davenport), and \$2,725.00. The stock on the AK-47 was sawed-off. Law enforcement also seized multiple digital scales and packaging material found throughout the apartment.

A short time later, a related search warrant was conducted at a residence on Heatherton Drive in Davenport, Iowa, where officers found the following: 19.54 grams of crack cocaine, 337.33 grams of marijuana, approximately \$15,820 in currency, and a Glock, Model 17, 9mm handgun. In addition to Alvin Cooper, other individuals charged in this case include: Irvin Joy Cooper, Amie Henderson-Cooper, Lovell Jonathan Flowers, Lekeebrion D. Jackson and Deon D. Smith. Irvin Cooper was earlier sentenced to 315 months imprisonment. Henderson-Cooper, Smith and Flowers were earlier sentenced to 180 months imprisonment. Jackson was sentenced to 120 months imprisonment.

This investigation was conducted by the Davenport, Iowa, Police Department, and the United States Drug Enforcement Administration, and the case was prosecuted by the United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Iowa.

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