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Omaha Woman Sentenced On Firearm Charges

COUNCIL BLUFFS, IA – On December 11, 2012, Janel Marie Giovannoni, age 31, of Omaha, Nebraska, was sentenced in United States District Court on the charge of felon in possession of a firearm, announced United States Attorney Nicholas A. Klinefeldt. United States District Court Judge John A. Jarvey sentenced Giovannoni to 110 months of imprisonment, to be followed by 3 years of supervised release. The Court also ordered the Defendant to pay a \$100.00 special assessment for the Crime Victim Fund. The Defendant remained in the custody of the United States Marshal pending designation of the Federal Bureau of Prisons facility at which she will serve her sentence.

Giovannoni was sentenced upon her September 5, 2012, plea of guilty to the charge of felon in possession of a firearm. The charge arose from a January 4, 2012, incident in Council Bluffs in which officers of the Council Bluffs Police Department caught Giovannoni and two other persons burglarizing a motor vehicle in the parking lot of an apartment. Giovannoni was found to be in possession of a loaded 9mm pistol. Under the terms of her federal plea agreement, Giovannoni has also entered pleas of guilty to a State of Iowa charge in Mills County for conspiracy to possess with intent to deliver methamphetamine, and in Pottawattamie County to an unrelated charge of credit card forgery. She is awaiting sentencing on the state charges.

This case was investigated by the Council Bluffs Police Department, the SouthWest Iowa Narcotics Enforcement Task Force, and the Federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Explosives and

Firearms. The case was prosecuted by the United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Iowa.

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