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Davenport Man Sentenced for Conspiracy to Distribute Cocaine

DAVENPORT, IA – On November 3, 2011, Jason Pendleton, age 29, of Davenport, Iowa, was sentenced to 75 months imprisonment for conspiracy to distribute cocaine, announced United States Attorney Nicholas A. Klinefeldt. United States District Judge John A. Jarvey also sentenced Pendleton to serve 5 years of supervised release following his imprisonment and pay \$100 to the Crime Victims Fund. On May 17, 2011, Pendleton entered a guilty plea in federal court for violating Title 21, United States Code, Section 846, for conspiring to distribute at least five kilograms of cocaine from September 2009 through September 25, 2010.

In the winter of 2010, the Davenport, Iowa, Police Department began investigating a significant drug trafficking organization responsible for distributing large quantities of cocaine in the Davenport area. As part of their investigation, police conducted several controlled buys of cocaine from Keenyn Hickman. Police then learned that Pendleton was Hickman's source and had been distributing cocaine to Hickman and others since 2008. Keenyn Hickman was sentenced on November 3, 2011, to 120 months for conspiracy to distribute cocaine.

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