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Council Bluffs Man Sentenced on Firearm Charges

COUNCIL BLUFFS, IA – On December 11, 2012, Justin Christopher Sneed, Sr., age 21, of Council Bluffs, Iowa, 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 Sneed to 34 months of imprisonment, to be followed by 3 years of supervised release. The sentence was imposed to run consecutively to an undischarged term of imprisonment the Defendant is currently serving in the State of Nebraska upon his April of 2012 conviction in Douglas County, Nebraska, for theft by receiving stolen property. 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 his return to corrections authorities in the State of Nebraska or the designation of the Federal Bureau of Prisons facility at which he will serve his federal sentence. Sneed was sentenced upon his August 6, 2012, plea of guilty to the charge of felon in possession of a firearm. The charge arose from a February 8, 2012, incident in Council Bluffs in which an officer of the Council Bluffs Police Department encountered Sneed and found him to be subject to an arrest warrant out of Nebraska. As the officer attempted to take Sneed into custody, Sneed ran from officer and, upon being caught by the officer, physically resisted arrest. Upon his arrest, Sneed was found to be in possession of a .25 caliber pistol. In 2004, Sneed was convicted in the District Court of the State of Nebraska for Sarpy County of a felony theft.

This case was investigated by the Council Bluffs Police Department, the SouthWest Iowa Narcotics Enforcement Task Force, and the Federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. The case was prosecuted by the United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Iowa.

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