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Muscatine Man Sentenced for Drug and Gun Offenses

DAVENPORT, IA – On January 31, 2013, Robert Leslie Ranck, age 46, was sentenced to 130 months imprisonment, announced United States Attorney Nicholas A. Klinefeldt. United States District Judge Stephanie M. Rose also sentenced Ranck to three years supervised release following imprisonment, ordered him to pay a \$200 special assessment to the crime victim fund, and ordered him to forfeit all firearms and ammunition involved in the offense.

On April 7, 2012, Ranck was stopped by the Burlington, Iowa, police for a traffic violation. Police discovered that Ranck, a multi-time convicted felon, was in possession of a high-capacity, semi-automatic 9mm pistol. Ranck had just received the pistol from Justin Adams, who purchased the pistol for Ranck at a Burlington gun shop. Ranck, after being arrested and booked by police, was released on bond.

On April 18, 2012, Ranck again was arrested in Scott County, Iowa, while making a delivery of six pounds of marijuana to a police informant. Police searched Ranck's residence in Muscatine, Iowa, finding additional marijuana packaged for sale, growing marijuana plants, several firearms, and ammunition.

Ranck was indicted in United States District Court for possessing firearms and ammunition as a felon and possessing marijuana with intent to distribute, and Adams was separately indicted for making false statements in connection with the purchase of a firearm. Ranck and Adams both entered guilty pleas, and Adams' sentencing is still pending.

This case was investigated by the Burlington, Iowa, Police Department, the Davenport, Iowa, Police Department, the Muscatine Drug Task Force, and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, and the case was prosecuted by the United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Iowa.

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