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## **Iowa Residents Sentenced for Conspiracy to Distribute Methamphetamine**

DES MOINES, IA - On February 1, 2013, Susan Lea Combs, a 51 year old resident of Pottawattamie County, Iowa, was sentenced to 120 months (ten years) imprisonment for conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine by United States Senior District Court Judge Ronald Longstaff. Judge Longstaff also imposed a period of five years of supervised release following her incarceration. Combs' co-defendant, David Dwayne Mendez, a 52 year old resident of Polk County, Iowa, was sentenced by Judge Longstaff to a term of imprisonment of 108 months (nine years) for his role in the Conspiracy to Distribute Methamphetamine, as well as a four year period of supervised release. Combs and Mendez entered guilty pleas to conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine on September 6, 2012. At the time of their respective pleas of guilty, each admitted that they agreed to sell methamphetamine that was obtained from a source in South Omaha, Nebraska, to individuals in Iowa, particularly in the Council Bluffs and Des Moines areas.

The investigation was conducted by the Iowa State Patrol, Iowa Division of Narcotics Enforcement, Southwest Iowa Narcotics Task Force, Mid-Iowa Narcotics Task Force, and the Polk County Attorney's Office. The case was prosecuted by the United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Iowa.

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