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Cass County Resident Sentenced to 10 Years in Prison for Conspiracy to Distribute Methamphetamine

COUNCIL BLUFFS, IA - On April 25, 2014, Franklin D. Schmidt, Jr, a 49 year-old resident of Atlantic, Iowa, was sentenced by United States Senior District Court Judge Robert Pratt to 120 months in prison for conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine and possession with intent to distribute methamphetamine, announced U.S. Attorney Nicholas A. Klinefeldt. Judge Pratt also ordered Schmidt to serve five years of supervised release following the period of imprisonment.

On April 26, 2013, Schmidt obtained methamphetamine from his South Omaha source and was stopped by law enforcement before he could distribute it in and around Cass County, Iowa. The investigation revealed that Schmidt was also responsible for distribution of marijuana along with methamphetamine.

On December 5, 2013, Schmidt pled guilty to the charges of conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine and possession with intent to distribute methamphetamine, which resulted from an investigation by law enforcement into the transportation and distribution of methamphetamine from South Omaha, Nebraska to Cass County, Iowa.

The investigation was conducted by the Cass County Sheriff's Office, the Atlantic, Iowa, Police Department and the Iowa Division of Narcotics Enforcement. The case was prosecuted by the United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Iowa.

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