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Davenport Man Sentenced on Federal Drug Trafficking Offense

DAVENPORT, IA – On August 15, 2014, Michael Taylor, age 42, of Davenport, Iowa, was sentenced by United States District Judge John A. Jarvey for possession with intent to distribute at least 28 grams of cocaine base, and being a felon-in-possession of a firearm and ammunition, announced United States Attorney Nicholas A. Klinefeldt. Taylor was sentenced to 180 months imprisonment on the drug count and 120 months imprisonment on the firearm count, the sentences to run concurrently. He was also ordered to serve four years supervised release on the drug count and three years on the firearm count, concurrently, following the imprisonment and to pay \$200 towards the Crime Victims Fund.

Over the course of many years, beginning in the mid-2000's and continuing until about September 25, 2013, Taylor distributed cocaine base ("crack cocaine") in the Davenport, Iowa area. During September 2013, law enforcement utilized a confidential informant to complete a series of controlled purchases of crack cocaine from Taylor while under law enforcement surveillance. Immediately after the final controlled purchase on September 25, police arrested Taylor and he had with him both crack cocaine and currency used to complete the controlled purchase.

On September 25, 2013, law enforcement officers executed search warrants for two residences associated with Taylor. At one residence, agents located, among other things, approximately 105 grams of crack cocaine, a loaded .357 Magnum revolver, \$6,430 in U.S. currency, and a digital scale. Prior to his possession of the firearm on September 25, Taylor had been convicted of several crimes punishable by imprisonment exceeding one year.

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

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