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LeClaire Man is Sentenced in Federal Court for Conspiracy to Distribute Marijuana

DAVENPORT, IA - On December 22, 2014, Morgan Michael Hermiston, age 26, of LeClaire, Iowa, was sentenced by United States District Court Chief Judge James E. Gritzner to 46 months imprisonment, announced U. S. Attorney Nicholas A. Klinefeldt. Hermiston was also ordered to serve three years of supervised release following his imprisonment, and to pay \$100 towards the Crime Victims Fund.

Beginning by at least November 2011, Hermiston entered into an agreement to receive marijuana from co-defendant Jared Fromknecht to distribute to others. Hermiston was aware that Fromknecht was shipping marijuana via mail from Colorado to Iowa for re-distribution. As part of this agreement, Hermiston arranged for Fromknecht to mail marijuana to others who then delivered this marijuana to Hermiston for distribution.

Hermiston pled guilty on October 4, 2013, to the charge of conspiracy to distribute marijuana. At sentencing, Hermiston admitted being responsible for over 100 kilograms of marijuana.

This case was investigated by the Drug Enforcement Administration, the Iowa Department of Public Safety-Division of Narcotics Enforcement, the United States Postal Inspections Service, and the Davenport, Iowa, Police Department. The case was prosecuted by the United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Iowa.

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