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Council Bluffs Resident Sentenced for Conspiracy to Distribute Methamphetamine and Possession of a Firearm

COUNCIL BLUFFS, IA - On February 12, 2015, Ronald Wayne Shenk, a 48 year-old resident of Council Bluffs, Iowa, was sentenced by United States District Court Judge Stephanie M. Rose to 120 months in prison for conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine followed by a consecutive period of 60 months in prison for possession a firearm in relation to drug trafficking, announced United States Attorney Nicholas Klinefeldt. Shenk's term of imprisonment is to be followed by five years of supervised release.

During the course of the investigation, law enforcement served a search warrant on Shenk's residence in Council Bluffs, Iowa, on April 17, 2014. The search produced over one kilogram of methamphetamine, over ten thousand dollars in cash, and ten firearms. Law enforcement also located drug trafficking paraphernalia, including digital scales, multiple cellular telephones, drug notes and surveillance equipment. Shenk entered a guilty plea on October 2, 2014.

The investigation was conducted by the Southwest Iowa Narcotics Task Force, Mills County Sheriff's Office, the Council Bluffs, Iowa, Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. The case was prosecuted by the United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Iowa.

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