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## **DES MOINES MAN SENTENCED FOR CONSPIRACY TO DISTRIBUTE DRUGS**

DAVENPORT, IA – On December 1, 2011, Aaron Chenchar, age 27, of Des Moines, Iowa, was sentenced to 102 months imprisonment for conspiracy to distribute drugs, announced United States Attorney Nicholas A. Klinefeldt. United States District Judge Robert W. Pratt also sentenced Chenchar to serve five years supervised release and to pay \$100 to the Crime Victims Fund. On June 17, 2011, Chenchar pleaded guilty to conspiring to distribute lysergic acid diethylamide (LSD) and a quantity of methylenedioxymethamphetamine (MDMA).

During the summer of 2009, the Johnson County, Iowa, Multi-Agency Drug Task Force, conducting an investigation into the distribution of LSD and MDMA in the Coralville area, used the assistance of confidential informants to make a series of controlled buys from LSD and MDMA dealers. As a result, Coralville, Iowa, Police searched Chenchar's apartment in Coralville and seized MDMA, over 75 grams of LSD, cocaine, psilocybin, drug packaging, and drug paraphernalia. Chenchar had been distributing LSD and MDMA for the past two years to various customers, both in the Iowa City area and out of state. Police determined that Chenchar distributed more than 800 grams of LSD and nearly 3,000 grams of MDMA.

This case was investigated by the Johnson County, Iowa, Multi-Agency Drug Task Force, the Coralville, Iowa, Police Department, the Drug Enforcement Administration, and the case was prosecuted by the United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Iowa.