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Adair County Resident Sentenced to 120 Months in Prison for Possession with Intent to Distribute Methamphetamine

COUNCIL BLUFFS, IA - On February 14, 2014, Jason Shane Steckelberg, a 49 year-old resident of Fontanelle, Iowa, was sentenced by United States District Court Judge Stephanie M. Rose to 120 months in prison followed by three years of supervised release for possession with intent to distribute methamphetamine on April 3, 2013, announced United States Attorney Nicholas A. Klinefeldt.

Steckelberg obtained methamphetamine from a source in South Omaha, Nebraska, and transported it back to Adair County for redistribution. On April 3, 2013, Steckelberg was stopped by law enforcemen,t and over 125 grams of pure methamphetamine was located in his car along with cash and other items that are indicative of drug trafficking. Steckelberg pled guilty on November 1, 2013, to the charge, which was the result of an investigation conducted into methamphetamine distribution in and around the Adair and Cass County area.

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

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