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COLORADO ATTORNEY GENERAL SECURES GUILTY CONVICTION IN COCAINE AND METHEAMPHETAMINE-TRAFFICKING RING

DENVER—[Colorado Attorney General John Suthers](#) announced today that Alan Johnson of Loveland (D.O.B. 03/15/1967) was found guilty of running a drug-trafficking criminal enterprise that distributed cocaine and methamphetamine throughout Northern Colorado and as far away as Montana. He was convicted in Larimer District Court of two felony violations of the Colorado Organized Crime Control Act and 18 felony violations of the Colorado Controlled Substances Act.

“In collaboration with our law enforcement partners, we have dismantled the supply and distribution abilities of a drug-trafficking ring,” said Suthers. “The two men who supplied Mr. Johnson with the coke and meth were arrested, prosecuted and have already pled guilty under the Colorado Organized Crime Control Act for their criminal activities.”

In 2010, the Northern Colorado Drug Task Force began an investigation into the drug trafficking activities of Johnson. Johnson had previously been investigated by the Task Force in 2006 for distribution of methamphetamine. That investigation led to his conviction in Larimer District Court for possession of a Schedule II Controlled Substance and Johnson was sentenced to a term of four years in the Colorado Department of Corrections.

Soon after Johnson completed his prison term, he returned to Larimer County and resumed trafficking controlled substances. Beginning in the spring of 2011, he sold cocaine on multiple occasions to a law enforcement confidential informant. In August 2011, detectives from the Northern Colorado Drug Task Force discovered that Alan Johnson was trafficking both cocaine and methamphetamine on an almost daily basis.

In the fall of 2011, after a lengthy investigation known as Operation Whiteout, detectives from the Task Force, with the cooperation and assistance of the Denver Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) Strike Force, arrested 14 individuals on felony violations of the Colorado Organized Crime Control Act, including Alan Johnson. In addition, law enforcement officers arrested 20 additional individuals on felony violations of the Colorado Controlled Substances Act.

“The District Attorney's Office in the 8th Judicial District would like to commend Attorney General John Suthers and his office for their dedication and professionalism in prosecuting these individuals charged in Operation Whiteout,” said [District Attorney Clifford Riedel](#). “We would also like to thank the men and women of the Northern Colorado Drug Task Force for their continuing efforts to protect the citizens of Larimer County.”

Sentencing is open to the discretion of the Court and could range from eight to 24 years in prison or a \$1,000,000 fine for each felony count for which Johnson was convicted. The Attorney General’s Special Prosecutions Unit prosecuted the case in conjunction with the Larimer County District Attorney’s Office.

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