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ALAN JOHNSON SENTENCED TO 36-YEARS FOR DRUG TRAFFICKING

DENVER—[Colorado Attorney General John Suthers](#) today announced that Alan Johnson of Loveland, Colorado, was sentenced to serve a thirty-six year sentence in the Colorado Department of Corrections (DOC) after being found guilty of leading a drug-trafficking criminal enterprise that distributed cocaine and methamphetamine throughout Northern Colorado and into Montana.

Johnson was [convicted on February 4, 2013](#) of two felony counts of violating the Colorado Organized Crime Control Act along with eighteen other felony counts in violation of the Colorado Controlled Substances Act. The two week trial occurred in Larimer County District Court.

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 distributing methamphetamine. That investigation led to Johnson being convicted in Larimer County District Court for possession of a Schedule II Controlled Substance and he was sentenced to a term of four years in DOC.

Soon after Johnson had completed his prison term, he returned to Larimer County and resumed trafficking controlled substances. In the spring and summer of 2011, he sold cocaine on multiple occasions to a law enforcement confidential informant. In August 2011, detectives from the Task Force received court authorization to intercept communications on Johnson's cellular telephone. This interception revealed that 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 a further 20 individuals on felony violations of the Colorado Controlled Substances Act.

On March 5, 2013, Abdon Loya-Sanchez of Fort Collins, Colorado, was sentenced to 20 years in the Colorado Department of Corrections for being a key source of supply of cocaine for this drug-trafficking group. Loya-Sanchez pleaded guilty to one felony count of violating the Colorado Organized Crime Control Act and one felony count of Distribution of a Schedule II Controlled Substance Cocaine. Throughout the investigation, law enforcement officers learned that Loya-Sanchez supplied a key member of the drug trafficking group, Anthony Harvey, with half-kilogram and kilogram quantities of cocaine on a regular basis. Anthony Harvey then distributed that cocaine to several high-level dealers in Larimer County, including Johnson, of Loveland, Colorado.

The Attorney General's Special Prosecutions Unit prosecuted the case in conjunction with the Larimer County District Attorney's Office.

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