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DAVENPORT, IA- On March 8, 2013, Yusuf Hasan Shariff, age 56, from Davenport, Iowa, was sentenced by United States District Court Judge John A. Jarvey to 15 months imprisonment on the charge of possession of ammunition as a felon, announced United States Attorney Nicholas A. Klinefeldt. Shariff was also ordered to serve three years supervised release and pay \$100 towards the Crime Victims Fund.

On April 13, 2012, Scott County, Iowa, Sheriff deputies responded to a local gas station when Shariff was unable to pay for gasoline. When Shariff was unable to find a means to pay the bill, he handed the deputy a .32 caliber bullet and said “. . . let’s take this to the next level.”

During a transport to jail, Shariff made verbal threats to kill the deputy. The Clinton County dispatcher also reported that police had made contact with Shariff earlier that day, and that Shariff made statements about revenge against the police department.

On April 17, 2012, a Davenport police officer conducted a traffic stop of a mini-van driven by Shariff. Shariff ended up crashing his vehicle into a retaining wall near Genesis West in Davenport. When a Davenport police officer approached Shariff, he refused several orders to remain still and to go down to his knees. As the officer approached, Shariff stood up, pulled away from the officer, and then swung at and punched the officer in the mouth. A second police officer arrived and Shariff physically struggled with both officers. As they went to the ground, Shariff obtained control of a knife and stabbed at the police officers. With the assistance of a third officer, Shariff was taken into custody. While being transported to jail, Shariff again made verbal threats to kill a Davenport police officer.

On April 19, 2012, Davenport police officers searched Shariff’s Davenport residence and seized an additional 15 rounds of .32 caliber ammunition. On October 22, 2012, Shariff pled guilty to possession of ammunition as a felon, having previously been convicted in 1999 of a felony drug offense.

This case was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, the Davenport Police Department, and the Scott County Sheriff’s Office, and was prosecuted by the United

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