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KC MAN INDICTED ON FIREARMS CHARGE

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Kansas City, Mo., man was indicted by a federal grand jury today for being a felon in possession of a firearm.

Ned V. Haywood, 52, of Kansas City, Mo., was charged in a single-count indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Kansas City.

The federal indictment alleges that **Haywood** was in possession of a Colt .22 caliber revolver on March 14, 2003. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for anyone who has been convicted of a felony to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition. **Haywood** has two 1996 criminal felony convictions for endangering the welfare of a child and possession of a controlled substance, and a 1993 criminal felony conviction for burglary, all in Jackson County, Mo.

Graves cautioned that the charge contained in the indictment is simply an accusation, and not evidence of guilt. Evidence supporting the charge must be presented to a federal trial jury, whose duty is to determine guilt or innocence.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Rudolph R. Rhodes, IV. The case was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms.

This news release, as well as additional information about the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, is available on-line at

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