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PROJECT CEASEFIRE **KC MAN SENTENCED FOR ILLEGALLY POSSESSING FIREARM**

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Kansas City man was sentenced in federal court today for violating a federal firearms law. The case marks additional progress under Project Ceasefire, the district's ongoing anti-crime initiative.

Larry K. Wren, 30, of Kansas City, Mo., was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Ortrie D. Smith this morning to two years and three months in federal prison without parole.

On Jan. 9, 2003, **Wren** pleaded guilty to being a felon in possession of a firearm. By pleading guilty, **Wren** admitted that he was in possession of a Glock .40 caliber pistol on Nov. 6, 2002. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for any felon to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition. **Wren** has two 1992 criminal felony convictions for aiding and abetting the distribution of PCP and using a firearm during a drug trafficking offense.

This case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Bruce E. Clark. It was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms.

Project Ceasefire

Project Ceasefire, launched in October 1999, is a cooperative initiative by federal and local law enforcement and the Kansas City Crime Commission that targets persons who unlawfully use or possess firearms for federal prosecution. Project Ceasefire has resulted in federal charges against 420 defendants, and convictions against 348 of those defendants, including 325 who pleaded guilty and 23 who were convicted at trial. A total of 307 of the 348 convicted defendants have been sentenced, and 41 currently await sentencing hearings.

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