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UPDATE: PROJECT CEASEFIRE  
**TWO FELONS SENTENCED FOR  
FIREARM POSSESSION**

**KANSAS CITY, Mo.** – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a DeSoto, Mo., man and a Kansas City, Mo., were sentenced in federal court today in separate and unrelated charges of being a felon in possession of a firearm. This marks the culmination of a case prosecuted under Project Ceasefire, the district's ongoing anti-crime initiative.

\* **Timothy J. Barnhill**, 38, of DeSoto, Mo., was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Ortrie D. Smith this morning to six years in federal prison without parole.

On Jan. 21, 2003, **Barnhill** pleaded guilty to an indictment returned by a federal grand jury on Sept. 17, 2002. By pleading guilty, **Barnhill** admitted that he was in possession of a Marlin .22 magnum caliber rifle on Sept. 11, 2001. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for any felon to possess any firearm or ammunition. **Barnhill** has a 1997 criminal felony conviction for driving while intoxicated and a 1990 criminal felony conviction for assault, both in Jackson County.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney David A. Barnes. The case was investigated by the Lafayette County, Mo., Sheriff's Office and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.



\* **Stanley V. Roundtree**, 49, of Kansas City, Mo., was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Howard F. Sachs this afternoon to two years in federal prison without parole.

On Dec. 3, 2002, **Roundtree** pleaded guilty to an indictment returned by a federal grand jury on Nov. 5, 2002. By pleading guilty, **Roundtree** admitted that he was in possession of a Winchester .22 caliber rifle on Oct. 5, 2002. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for any felon to possess any firearm or ammunition. **Roundtree** has a 2000 criminal felony conviction for driving while intoxicated and a 1971 criminal felony conviction for robbery.

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

### **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 432 defendants, and convictions against 361 of those defendants, including 338 who pleaded guilty and 23 who were convicted at trial. A total of 315 of the 361 convicted defendants have been sentenced, and 46 currently await sentencing hearings.

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