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PROJECT CEASEFIRE
**FELON IN POSSESSION OF FIREARM
SENTENCED FOLLOWING JURY TRIAL**

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced today that a Kansas City man has been sentenced for being a felon in possession of firearms. Today's sentencing is part of Project Ceasefire, the district's ongoing anti-crime initiative.

Gregory L. McCall, 44, of Kansas City, was sentenced by U.S. District Chief Judge Dean Whipple this morning to 10 years in federal prison without parole. **McCall** was found guilty of being a felon in possession of a firearms by a federal jury in the U.S. District Court on Jan. 22, 2003.

The jury found **McCall** guilty of being in possession of a Smith & Wesson .32 caliber revolver, a Maverick 12 gauge shotgun, a Ruger 9 mm semi-automatic pistol, a Stevens .22 caliber rifle and a J.C. Higgins .22 caliber rifle on Feb. 15, 2002. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for any felon to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition. **McCall** has three prior criminal felony convictions for robbery, manslaughter and drug possession.

McCall was originally indicted by a federal grand jury on Feb. 27, 2002, in Kansas City. The indictment replaced a federal criminal complaint filed against him on Feb. 19, 2002.

At the time of his initial arrest, Graves explained, an officer of the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department recovered the weapons while executing a search warrant on **McCall's** residence. The law enforcement officer was accompanied by an officer from the Overland Park, Kan., Police Department. The search warrant was served to seize firearms, counterfeit identification and other evidence related to credit card fraud, including merchandise obtained through a credit card scheme.

This case was being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Linda L. Sybrant. It was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department, and authorities in Johnson County, Kan.

Project Ceasefire

Project Ceasefire, launched in October 1999, is a cooperative initiative by federal and local law enforcement that targets for federal prosecution persons who unlawfully use or possess firearms. Project Ceasefire has resulted in federal charges against 432 defendants, and convictions against 370 of those defendants, including 346 who pleaded guilty and 24 who were convicted at trial. A total of 322 of the 370 convicted defendants have been sentenced, and 48 currently await sentencing hearings.

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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