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PROJECT CEASEFIRE  
**INDEPENDENCE FELON SENTENCED TO 8 YEARS  
FOR ILLEGAL POSSESSION OF FIREARM**

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

**Jamey J. Canaday**, 29, of Independence, Mo., was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Gary A. Fenner this morning to eight years and four months in federal prison without parole for being a felon in possession of a firearm.

On March 6, 2003, **Canaday** pleaded guilty in federal court to being a felon in possession of a firearm. By pleading guilty, he admitted that he was in possession of a Intratec 9 mm pistol on Sept. 19, 2002. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for any felon to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition. **Canaday** has a 1998 criminal felony conviction for possession of a controlled substance.

**Canaday** was originally charged with being a felon in possession of a firearm in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury on Dec. 4, 2002, in Kansas City.

This case was prosecuted by Special Assistant U.S. Attorney Michael J. Hunt. It 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 for federal prosecution persons who unlawfully use or possess firearms. Project Ceasefire has resulted in

federal charges against 450 defendants, and convictions against 378 of those defendants, including 354 who pleaded guilty and 24 who were convicted at trial. A total of 333 of the 378 convicted defendants have been sentenced, and 44 currently await sentencing hearings.

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