



# NEWS RELEASE

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UPDATE: PROJECT CEASEFIRE  
**KC MAN SENTENCED FOR  
FIREARMS VIOLATION**

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

**Terry L. Allen**, 19, of Kansas City, was sentenced this morning to two years and three months in prison without parole by U.S. District Judge Fernando J. Gaitan, Jr.

On May 3, 2002, **Allen** pleaded guilty to a federal indictment charging him with being a felon in possession of a firearm. By pleading guilty, Graves said, **Allen** admitted that he was in possession of a Taurus .38 caliber revolver on May 3, 2001. Possession of any firearm at that time would have been illegal, Graves explained, due to **Allen's** previous criminal felony convictions.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney David Ketchmark. 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 that targets for federal prosecution persons who unlawfully use or possess firearms. Since the initiative began, Project Ceasefire has resulted in federal charges against 322 defendants, and convictions against 278 of those defendants, including 259 who pleaded guilty and 19 who were convicted at trial. A total of 241 of the 278 convicted defendants have been sentenced, and 37 currently await sentencing hearings.

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