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TWO MEN SENTENCED FOR DISTRIBUTING CRACK COCAINE

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced today that two men have been sentenced for distributing crack cocaine.

Alan M. Arnold, 47, of Independence, Mo., was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Nanette K. Laughrey on Jan. 16, 2003, to nine years and seven months in federal prison without parole. **Arnold** agreed to forfeit \$7,815 acquired from the sale of the crack cocaine, Graves said.

Robert E. Huffman, 52, of Kansas City, Mo., was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Nanette K. Laughrey on Jan. 16, 2003, to seven years and three months in federal prison without parole.

On Aug. 15, 2002, both co-defendants pleaded guilty to distributing more than five grams of crack cocaine from May 2, 2001 to March 21, 2002. Graves explained that the money forfeited was found at **Arnold's** Independence residence. During the execution of a search warrant on May 24, 2001, law enforcement officers also found in excess of 30 grams of crack cocaine.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Brent Powell. It was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department.

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