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FELON SENTENCED FOR FIREARM VIOLATION

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a defendant was sentenced in federal court today for violating federal firearms law.

Lewis Black, 46, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Fernando J. Gaitan, Jr., this morning to five years in federal prison without parole.

On May 21, 2003, **Black** pleaded guilty to a federal information that charges him with being in possession of a firearm during, in relation to, and in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime. By pleading guilty, Graves said, **Black** admitted that he was in possession of an Astra .22 caliber pistol while in possession with intent to distribute methamphetamine on Sept. 12, 2002, in Greene County, Mo.

The case was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and the Springfield, Mo., Police Department.

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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