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UPDATE: PROJECT CEASEFIRE
ONE KC FELON SENTENCED, ONE PLEADS GUILTY
TO VIOLATING FEDERAL FIREARMS LAW

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that one Kansas City, Mo., man was sentenced and another pleaded guilty in federal court today on separate and unrelated charges for violating federal firearms laws.

***Kendra D. Bradley**, 34, of Kansas City, Mo., was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Howard F. Sachs this afternoon to two years in federal prison without parole.

On July 30, 2002, **Bradley** pleaded guilty to an indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Kansas City on July 10, 2001. **Bradley** admitted that on Feb. 23, 2001, he was in possession of a Davis Industries semi-automatic pistol. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for anyone convicted of a felony to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition. **Bradley** has a 1993 criminal felony conviction for possession of a controlled substance.

***William R. Mabie**, 41, who currently is incarcerated at the Jackson County, Mo., Jail, pleaded guilty before U.S. District Judge Scott O. Wright this morning to being a felon in possession of a firearm.

Mabie pleaded guilty to an indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Kansas City on Nov. 5., 2002. **Mabie** admitted that on Oct. 19, 2002, he was in possession of a Remington 12-gauge shotgun. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for anyone convicted of a felony to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition. **Mabie** has a 1981 criminal felony conviction for selling a controlled substance, a 1989 criminal felony conviction for first degree sexual abuse and a 2002 criminal felony conviction for unlawful use of a weapon.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Linda L. Sybrant. 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 persons who unlawfully use or possess firearms for federal prosecution. Project Ceasefire has resulted in federal charges against 380 defendants, and convictions against 330 of those defendants, including 307 who pleaded guilty and 23 who were convicted at trial. A total of 278 of the 330 convicted defendants have been sentenced, and 52 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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