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KC MAN CHARGED WITH FEDERAL FIREARM VIOLATION FOLLOWING SHOOTING OF TWO VICTIMS

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced today that a Kansas City, Mo., man has been charged in federal court for being a felon in possession of a firearm. Graves noted that the federal charge followed a dispute in which two men were shot.

Maurice B. Brown, 36, of Kansas City, Mo., is charged with being a felon in possession of a firearm, according to the criminal complaint filed in U.S. District Court in Kansas City.

The complaint alleges that on March 18, 2003, **Brown** was in possession of a loaded RG Industries .22 caliber revolver. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for anyone who has been convicted of a felony to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition. **Brown** has a prior criminal felony conviction for aiding and abetting assault of a federal officer by use of a deadly weapon, and a prior criminal felony conviction for aiding and abetting use of a firearm during a crime of violence.

According to an affidavit filed in support of the criminal complaint, officers of the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department responded to a report of a shooting at 4210 Harrison, Kansas City, Mo., at about 5:49 p.m. on Wednesday, March 18, 2003. The affidavit alleges that **Brown** had been in a fight with two men, then went to his girlfriend's house to get the revolver. **Brown** returned and challenged the men again, the affidavit says, shooting one of the men in the arm; a second shot allegedly nicked the second victim in the back of the head as he ran away.

Immediately afterward, police officers found a vehicle matching the description of the suspect vehicle parked in the driveway at 4037 Forest, Kansas City, Mo., and conducted a check of the residence. They found **Brown** in a second-floor bedroom and arrested him.

Graves cautioned that the charge contained in the criminal complaint is simply an accusation, and not evidence of guilt. Evidence supporting the charge must be presented to a federal trial jury, whose duty is to determine guilt or innocence.

The case is being prosecuted by Special Assistant U.S. Attorney Dan Miller. The case was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms and the Kansas City, 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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