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## **SECOND CALIFORNIAN PLEADS GUILTY TO CONSPIRACY TO DISTRIBUTE COCAINE**

**KANSAS CITY, Mo.** – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a California man pleaded guilty in federal court today to his role in conspiracy to distribute cocaine in Kansas City, Mo.

**Cleveland Burgie, Jr.**, 32, of Oakland, Calif., pleaded guilty before U.S. District Judge Fernando J. Gaitan, Jr., this morning to his role in a cocaine conspiracy.

By pleading guilty, he admitted that he conspired with others to distribute 500 grams or more of cocaine between Nov. 1, 2002, and March 7, 2003. He also admitted to a forfeiture count of the original indictment, which will require him to forfeit any proceeds derived as a result of the cocaine conspiracy, including \$5,015.98, Graves said.

**Burgie** was originally charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury on April 2, 2003, in Kansas City. He is the second Californian to plead guilty in this case.

**Karamoke M. Fuse**, 32, of Sacramento, Calif., also pleaded guilty to his role in the conspiracy. On Nov. 20, 2003, **Fuse** admitted that he, too, conspired to distribute 500 grams or more of cocaine between Nov. 1, 2002, and March 7, 2003, in Kansas City. He also admitted the forfeiture count, which requires him to forfeit any proceeds derived as a result of the conspiracy.

Under federal law, both defendants may be subject to maximum sentences of up to 40 years in federal prison without parole, plus fines up to \$2 million. Their sentences will be determined by the United States Sentencing Guidelines. Sentencing hearings will be scheduled after the completion of a presentence investigation by the United States Probation Office.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney W. Brent Powell. It was investigated by the Drug Enforcement Administration.

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