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DRUG USER PLEADS GUILTY TO ILLEGAL POSSESSION OF FIREARM

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that an Independence, Mo., woman pleaded guilty today to being an illegal drug user in possession of a firearm.

Lisa Caffey, 35, of Independence, Mo., pleaded guilty before U.S. District Judge Fernando J. Gaitan, Jr., this morning to being an unlawful user of a controlled substance in possession of a firearm.

By pleading guilty, **Caffey** admitted that she was in possession of a Rossi .357 caliber revolver on May 19, 2003. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for anyone who is an unlawful user of a controlled substance to possess a firearm. **Caffey** admitted to being an addict of methamphetamine while also in possession of the firearm, Graves said.

Caffey was originally charged in a criminal complaint filed on May 20, 2003, in Kansas City. The criminal complaint was later replaced with an indictment returned by a federal grand jury on June 11, 2003, in Kansas City. According to an affidavit filed in support of the complaint, law enforcement officers discovered the firearm while conducting a search of **Caffey's** home for methamphetamine.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney David A. Barnes. It was investigated by the Independence, Mo., Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

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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