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THREE DEFENDANTS INDICTED ON FIREARMS VIOLATIONS

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced today that three defendants have been indicted by a federal grand jury and charged in separate and unrelated cases as felons in possession of firearms.

* **Delarrence D. Cain**, 22, of Columbia, Mo., was charged in a two-count indictment returned today by a federal grand jury meeting in Jefferson City. Count One of the indictment alleges that **Cain** was in possession of a Taurus 9mm semi-automatic pistol on April 27, 2002 in Boone County, Mo. Cain has a 1999 criminal felony conviction for trafficking cocaine near a school. Count Two of the federal indictment alleges that **Cain** was in possession of 5 grams of crack cocaine with an intent to distribute in Boone County on April 27, 2002.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Anthony P. Gonzalez. The case was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, Boone County Sheriff's Department and the Missouri State Highway Patrol.

* **Wilmer Thomas Wilkerson**, 53, was charged in a two-count indictment returned today by a federal grand jury meeting in Jefferson City. Count One of the indictment alleges that **Wilkerson** was in possession of a Ruger .357 magnum revolver on May 24, 2002 in Boone County. Count Two of the federal indictment alleges that the firearm's serial number had been removed or altered. **Wilkerson's** has a 1997 criminal felony conviction for leaving the scene of an accident and a 1995 felony conviction for driving while intoxicated.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Jim Lynn. The case was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, Columbia Police Department and the Missouri State Highway Patrol.

* **Kenneth Dale Sparks**, 24, was charged in a one-count indictment returned today by a

federal grand jury meeting in Jefferson City. The indictment alleges that **Sparks** was in possession a Colt .38 caliber revolver on December 6, 2002 in Boone County. **Sparks'** has a June 2002 criminal felony conviction for distribution/manufacture of a controlled substance.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Jim Lynn. The case was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, Boone County Sheriff's Department and the Missouri State Highway Patrol.

Graves cautioned that the charges contained in these indictments are simply accusations, and not evidence of guilt. Evidence supporting the charges must be presented to a federal trial jury, whose duty is to determine guilt or innocence.

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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