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COLUMBIA MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO FIREARMS, NARCOTICS VIOLATIONS

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Columbia, Mo., man pleaded guilty in federal court today to violating federal firearms laws.

Delarrence D. Cain, 23, of Columbia, Mo., pleaded guilty before U.S. District Judge Nanette K. Laughrey this morning to being a felon in possession of a firearm and to being in possession with intent to distribute at least five grams of crack cocaine.

On April 27, 2002, law enforcement officers executed a search warrant at **Cain's** residence. They found a Taurus 9mm semi-automatic pistol between the mattress and box springs of the bed, Graves said, and a bag of crack cocaine that **Cain** was hiding in his pants.

Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for anyone convicted of a felony to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition. **Cain** has a 1999 criminal felony conviction for trafficking cocaine near a school in Boone County.

Under federal statutes, **Cain** could be subject to a minimum mandatory sentence of five years in federal prison without parole, up to 50 years in federal prison without parole, plus a fine up to \$2,250,000. His sentence will be determined according to the United States Sentencing Guidelines. A sentencing hearing will be scheduled after the completion of a presentence investigation by the United States Probation Office.

This 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.

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 www.usdoj.gov/usao/mow