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## **KC MAN SENTENCED FOR CONSPIRING TO DISTRIBUTE 500 GRAMS OR MORE OF COCAINE**

**KANSAS CITY, Mo.** – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Kansas City man was sentenced in federal court today for conspiring to distribute cocaine.

**Oscar Cantu**, 31, of Kansas City, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Fernando J. Gaitan, Jr., this morning to five years and 10 months in federal prison without parole.

On Dec. 5, 2002, **Cantu** pleaded guilty to three counts contained in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury on Nov. 5, 2002. By pleading guilty, **Cantu** admitted to his role in a conspiracy to distribute 500 grams or more of cocaine between Oct. 8, 2002, and Oct. 23, 2002. **Cantu** also pleaded guilty to two forfeiture counts that require him to forfeit proceeds derived as a result of the federal law violation, which included \$3,000 in cash and a 1996 Ford Explorer.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Candace Cole. It was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department and the Metro Methamphetamine Task Force.

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