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## **THREE MEN INDICTED IN CRACK COCAINE CONSPIRACY**

**KANSAS CITY, Mo.** – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that three men were indicted by a federal grand jury today on charges related to a conspiracy to distribute crack cocaine.

**Ravel J. Carney**, 27, and **Antonio A. Barreda**, 23, both of Kansas City, Mo., and **Rafiel L. Carney**, 27, of Grandview, Mo., were charged in a nine-count indictment returned by a federal grand jury meeting in Kansas City. **Ravel** and **Rafiel Carney** are twin brothers.

Count One of the federal indictment alleges that all three defendants were involved in a conspiracy to distribute 50 grams or more of crack cocaine from April 8 to May 20, 2003, in Jackson County, Mo.

Count Two alleges that **Ravel Carney** and **Barreda** distributed five grams or more of crack cocaine on April 30, 2003, in Jackson County.

Counts Three, Four and Five of the federal indictment allege that **Ravel Carney** and **Barreda** distributed 50 grams or more of crack cocaine on three separate occasions from May 6 to May 20, 2003, in Jackson County.

Count Six of the federal indictment alleges that **Ravel Carney** and **Rafiel Carney** were in possession with intent to distribute 50 grams or more of crack cocaine on May 20, 2003, in Jackson County.

Count Seven of the federal indictment alleges that **Ravel Carney** and **Rafiel Carney** were in possession of a Smith & Wesson 40 caliber semi-automatic handgun during the offense alleged in Count Six. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal to be in possession of a firearm during and in relation to a drug-trafficking crime.

Count Eight of the federal indictment alleges that **Rafiel Carney** was in possession with intent to distribute five grams or more of crack cocaine on May 20, 2003, in Jackson County.

Count Nine of the federal indictment alleges that **Ravel Carney** was in possession of a Smith & Wesson 40 caliber semi-automatic handgun during May, 2003, in Jackson County. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for anyone convicted of a felony to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition. **Ravel Carney** has a 1999 criminal felony conviction for possession of crack cocaine in Jackson County.

Graves cautioned that the charges contained in the indictment 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.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney David DeTar Newbert. It was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department's Drug Task Force.

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