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## NITRO UPDATE

### **ROSENDALE, MO., MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO FEDERAL FIREARMS VIOLATION**

**KANSAS CITY, Mo.** – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Rosendale, Mo., man pleaded guilty in federal court today to being an unlawful user of a controlled substance illegally in possession of a firearm. Graves said the case, part of the district's ongoing Project Ceasefire anti-crime initiative, is a result of the work of the NITRO task force.

**Dana K. Clizer**, 40, of Rosendale, Mo., pleaded guilty before U.S. District Judge Ortrie D. Smith this morning to an indictment returned by a Kansas City federal grand jury on Jan. 7, 2003.

By pleading guilty, Graves said, **Clizer** admitted that on Dec. 16, 2002, he was in possession of a Norinco SKS 7.62 mm x 39 mm caliber assault rifle at the same time he was unlawfully in possession of methamphetamine. Under federal law, Graves explained, possession of any firearm or ammunition by an unlawful user of a controlled substance is illegal.

As a result of today's guilty plea, **Clizer** could be subject to a sentence of up to 10 years in federal prison without parole, plus a fine of up to \$250,000. **Clizer's** 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 U.S. Probation Office.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney David A. Barnes. The case was investigated by the Andrew County, Mo., Sheriff's Department and NITRO, the Northwest Missouri Team Response Operation. NITRO is a joint law enforcement effort by the United States Attorney's Office and federal, state and local law enforcement agencies in the 16-county northwest Missouri region. Project Ceasefire is a cooperative initiative by federal and local law enforcement that targets persons who unlawfully use or possess firearms for federal prosecution.

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