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KC MAN SENTENCED FOR SEVEN BANK ROBBERIES

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Kansas City, Mo., man was sentenced today for a series of bank robberies in the Kansas City, Mo., area.

A.C. Cowans, also known as Bug, 39, of Kansas City, Mo., was sentenced this morning by U.S. District Judge Fernando J. Gaitan, Jr., to seven years and three months in federal prison without parole on each of seven counts, to be served concurrently. The court also ordered **Cowans** to pay a total of \$55,892.50 in restitution to the banks.

On Oct. 10, 2002, **Cowans** pleaded guilty to a seven-count indictment that was returned by a federal grand jury on Aug. 27, 2002. By pleading guilty, Graves said, **Cowans** admitted that he robbed the following banks by force, violence and intimidation:

- * First Federal Bank, 8442 Wornall, Kansas City, Mo., on February 5, 2002 (Loss of \$2,395)
- * United Missouri Bank, 7901 Wornall, Kansas City, Mo., on March 14, 2002 (Loss of \$18,274)
- * First Federal Bank, 8442 Wornall, Kansas City, Mo., on June 3, 2002 (Loss of \$8,680)
- * U.S. Bank, 507 Business Loop 70 West, Columbia, Mo., on June 27, 2002 (Loss of \$8,900)
- * Bank Midwest, 7904 Ward Parkway, Kansas City, Mo., on July 13, 2002 (Loss of \$4,965)
- * Union Bank, 7600 E. 87th Street, Kansas City, Mo., on July 29, 2002 (Loss of \$2,331)
- * Commerce Bank, 6100 Troost, Kansas City, Mo., on August 6, 2002 (Loss of \$10,347.50)

Cowans was identified after a local television newscast broadcast a photograph taken by a surveillance camera while he robbed First Federal Bank on June 3, 2002. “A caller to the TIPS hot line recognized **Cowans** as an employee at a local car detailing shop,” Graves said.

The case was prosecuted by Deputy U.S. Attorney Matt Whitworth. It was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department and the Columbia, Mo., Police Department.

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