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PROJECT CEASEFIRE
INDEPENDENCE FELON SENTENCED
FOR POSSESSING AMMUNITION

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that an Independence, Mo., man was sentenced in federal court today for being a felon in possession of ammunition. The case marks additional progress under Project Ceasefire, the district's ongoing anti-crime initiative.

Michael P. Danaher, 33, of Independence, Mo., was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Fernando J. Gaitan, Jr., this morning to three years and one month in federal prison without parole for being a felon in possession of ammunition.

On June 23, 2003, **Danaher** pleaded guilty to being a felon in possession of ammunition. By pleading guilty, **Danaher** admitted that he was in possession of 20 rounds of Winchester .40 caliber ammunition on Jan. 5, 2003. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for anyone who has been convicted of a felony to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition. **Danaher** has two 1998 criminal felony convictions for stealing and burglary.

Danaher was originally charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury on March 4, 2003, in Kansas City.

This case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Rudolph R. Rhodes, IV. It was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

Project Ceasefire

Project Ceasefire, launched in October 1999, is a cooperative initiative by federal and local law enforcement and the Kansas City Crime Commission that targets persons who unlawfully use or possess firearms for federal prosecution.

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

