



# NEWS RELEASE

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**PROJECT CEASEFIRE**  
**KC FELON SENTENCED FOR ILLEGAL POSSESSION OF FIREARM**

**KANSAS CITY, Mo.** – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Kansas City felon was sentenced in federal court today for violating a federal firearms law.

**Chad Darty**, 50, of Kansas City, was sentenced by U.S. District Chief Judge Dean Whipple this morning to five years and 10 months in federal prison without parole.

On April 4, 2003, **Darty** pleaded guilty to being a felon in possession of a firearm. By pleading guilty, he admitted that he was in possession of a Mossberg Maverick 12-gauge shotgun with a pistol grip and a Raven .25 caliber semi-automatic pistol on Dec. 11, 2002. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for any felon to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition. **Darty** has 1979 criminal felony convictions for robbery and assault with intent to kill. He also has a 1990 criminal felony conviction for distribution of cocaine within 1,000 feet of a school.

**Darty** was originally charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury on Dec. 20, 2003, in Kansas City.

The case was being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney David A. Barnes. 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 for federal prosecution persons who unlawfully use or possess firearms. Project Ceasefire has resulted in federal charges against 479 defendants, and convictions against 402 of those defendants,

including 377 who pleaded guilty and 25 who were convicted at trial. A total of 350 of the 402 convicted defendants have been sentenced, and 51 currently await sentencing hearings.

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