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UPDATE: PROJECT CEASEFIRE
KC MAN SENTENCED FOR ILLEGAL POSSESSION OF AMMUNITION

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

Michael S. Dorch, 49, of Kansas City, Mo., was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Nanette K. Laughrey this afternoon to three years and one month in federal prison without parole.

On March 6, 2003, **Dorch** pleaded guilty to being a felon in possession of ammunition. By pleading guilty, he admitted that he was in possession of a .38 caliber Special PMC brand of ammunition on Jan. 28, 2003. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for any felon to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition. **Dorch** has a 1996 criminal felony conviction for burglary.

Dorch originally was charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury Jan. 28, 2003, in Kansas City.

The case is being prosecuted by Special Assistant U.S. Attorney Michael J. Hunt. The case was investigated by the Missouri State Highway Patrol and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms.

Project Ceasefire

Project Ceasefire, launched in October 1999, is a cooperative initiative by federal and local law enforcement that targets persons who unlawfully use or possess firearms for federal prosecution. Project Ceasefire has resulted in federal charges against 503 defendants, and convictions against 433 of those defendants, including 407 who pleaded guilty and 26 who were convicted at trial. A total of 372 of the 433 convicted defendants have been sentenced, and 61

currently await sentencing hearings.

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