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DRUGS, GUNS FOUND AT DAY CARE; THREE CHARGED IN CRACK COCAINE CONSPIRACY

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that three Kansas City, Mo., residents were charged in federal court today with conspiracy to distribute crack cocaine after law enforcement officers found drugs and two loaded handguns at a home day care.

Clifford Dorsey, 43, **Valeriece D. Ealom**, 34, and **Megashia C. Jackson**, 27, all of Kansas City, Mo., were charged with conspiracy to distribute five grams or more of crack cocaine, according to the criminal complaint filed in U.S. District Court in Kansas City.

Ealom was arrested on Sept. 10, 2003, Graves explained, when a search warrant was served on her residence at 2920 Wabash in Kansas City, Mo., which also housed a state-licensed day care center under the supervision of **Ealom**. Law enforcement officers located approximately seven to eight children in and around the residence, Graves said, as well as a quantity of crack cocaine and two loaded firearms.

According to an affidavit filed in support of the criminal complaint, **Ealom** sold crack cocaine from her residence at 2920 Wabash in Kansas City, Mo., in the course of an undercover narcotics investigation that began on Aug. 22, 2003. When law enforcement officers executed a search warrant at the residence, the affidavit says, they found approximately 50 grams of crack cocaine in a plastic bag in the pipes of the toilet and 2.4 grams of crack cocaine from an office area just inside the front door. They also found a Beretta 9mm handgun with seven live rounds in the clip, and a Norinco .12 gauge shotgun loaded with five live rounds in the residence.

On the same day, law enforcement officers also executed a search warrant on **Dorsey's** home and vehicle after he earlier had been seen visiting **Ealom's** residence and allegedly supplying her with crack cocaine. During a search of **Dorsey's** residence, officers found approximately 30 grams of crack cocaine, as well as a Taurus .380 caliber semi-automatic

handgun with eight live rounds in the magazine. Officers also found a brown paper sack in front passenger seat of the vehicle **Dorsey** was driving, which contained a plastic bag with approximately 125 grams of cocaine.

Prior to the execution of the search warrant at **Dorsey's** residence, the affidavit says, officers observed **Jackson** arrive in a gold Cadillac. She began carrying items from inside the residence out to the driveway and placing the items at the rear of the Cadillac, then opened the trunk and placed some of the items inside the trunk of the Cadillac. After detaining **Jackson** in the front yard of the residence, officers searched a black trash bag that was sitting on the driveway just to the rear of the open trunk of the Cadillac, which contained approximately 1,100 grams of cocaine.

Graves cautioned that the charge contained in the complaint is simply an accusation, and not evidence of guilt. Evidence supporting the charge must be presented to a federal trial jury, whose duty is to determine guilt or innocence.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Kathleen Mahoney. It was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department.

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