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JEFFERSON CITY MAN SENTENCED FOR DISTRIBUTING COCAINE

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a third co-defendant was sentenced in federal court today for distributing cocaine in the Jefferson City and Fulton, Mo., areas.

Jerrold Leon Faulkner, 32, of Jefferson City, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Scott O. Wright this morning to 12 years and seven months in federal prison without parole.

On Oct. 4, 2002, **Faulkner** pleaded guilty to distributing cocaine on April 9, 1999, and Oct. 29, 2001, in Jefferson City and Fulton, Mo., respectively. By pleading guilty, **Faulkner** admitted that he distributed 9.45 grams of cocaine for \$450 at the Capitol Plaza Mall in Jefferson City and to selling 39.51 grams of cocaine for \$1,500 at a Burger King parking lot in Fulton.

Two other co-defendants in this case also have been sentenced for distributing cocaine.

On Feb. 14, 2003, **Natalie Janette Vaughn**, 45, of Gatesville, Texas, was sentenced to 12 years and seven months in federal prison without parole. On Sept. 9, 2002, **Vaughn** pleaded guilty to selling 39.51 grams of cocaine for \$1,500 in Fulton, Mo., on Oct. 29, 2001.

On Jan. 21, 2003, **David Tybalt Woodruff**, 28, of Jefferson City, was sentenced to six months of in-home confinement and three years of supervised release to include substance abuse counseling. On Oct. 4, 2002, **Woodruff** pleaded guilty to distributing cocaine in Jefferson City on Dec. 17, 2001. By pleading guilty, Graves said, **Woodruff** admitted to selling 25 grams of cocaine for \$980.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Jim Lynn. The case was investigated by MUSTANG (Mid-Missouri Unified Strike Team and Narcotics Group).

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