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KC MAN SENTENCED FOR INVOLVEMENT IN CHECK FORGERY SCHEME

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced a Kansas City, Mo., man was sentenced in federal court today for his involvement in a conspiracy to manufacture and pass counterfeit checks.

David W. Foster, 29, of Kansas City, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Nanette K. Laughrey this morning to one year in federal prison, followed by two years of supervised release. The court also ordered Foster to pay restitution in the amount of \$39,894.74.

On Aug. 6, 2003, **Foster** pleaded guilty to conspiracy to manufacture and pass counterfeit checks at various businesses in Missouri and Kansas between May 1, 2001, and March 31, 2003.

By pleading guilty, **Foster** admitted that he and others prepared, possessed and cashed counterfeit checks that bore captioning and bank routing numbers for legitimate banks, individuals and businesses. The co-conspirators used false identification material to match payee and other information on the counterfeit checks, in order to cash the checks, Graves said. The checks were cashed at banks and retail stores with the defendants sharing the cash proceeds and property obtained through this fraud scheme.

Several co-defendants in this case also have pleaded guilty for their involvement in the conspiracy and are awaiting sentencing hearings.

Kelly A. Owens, 37, and **Lisa K. Allen**, 44, both of Raytown, Mo., **Christopher R. Larabee**, 24, of Independence, Mo., and **Jeremy R. Riley**, 25, **Jeremiah D. Kout**, 26, and **William J. Yeokum**, 22, all of Kansas City, Mo., each have pleaded guilty to their roles in the conspiracy to manufacture and pass counterfeit checks.

All of the co-defendants were originally charged with being involved in the conspiracy in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury on May 14, 2003, in Kansas City.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney K. Michael Warner. It was investigated by the U.S. Secret Service; the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department; the Raytown, Mo., Police Department; the Platte County, Mo., Sheriff's Department; the Overland Park, Kan., Police Department; the Holton, Kan., Police Department; the Shawnee, Kan., Police Department; the Blue Springs, Mo., Police Department; the Grandview, Mo., Police Department; the Harrisonville, Mo., Police Department; the Cass county, Mo., Sheriff's Office; and the North Kansas City, Mo., Police Department.

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