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KC MAN SENTENCED IN ARMED ROBBERIES AT FAST FOOD RESTAURANTS

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 a series of armed robberies at local fast food restaurants.

Johnnie W. Frazier, 29, of Kansas City, Mo., was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Fernando J. Gaitan, Jr. this morning to 19 years in federal prison without parole.

On June 12, 2002, **Frazier** pleaded guilty to four charges related to the armed robbery of two fast food restaurants on the same day. Those charges were contained in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury on Aug. 1, 2000.

Frazier robbed the Chuck E. Cheese restaurant at 2726 N.E. Vivion Road in Kansas City, Mo., on May 6, 2000, Graves said, using a handgun to take \$995. **Frazier** also robbed the Pizza Hut restaurant at 51111 Ararat in Kansas City, Mo., on May 6, 2000. In that robbery, Graves said., **Frazier** used a handgun to take \$419. **Frazier** pleaded guilty to two counts of interference of commerce by means of robbery and two counts of using a firearm in relation to a crime of violence.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney William L. Meiners. It was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department, and the Independence, Mo., Police Department.

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