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KC MEN SENTENCED IN CONSPIRACY TO DISTRIBUTE COCAINE

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that two Kansas City men were sentenced in federal court for their involvement in a cocaine conspiracy.

Frankie D. Frencher, 22, of Kansas City, Mo., was sentenced by U.S. District Chief Judge Dean Whipple this morning to 11 years and three months in federal prison without parole for his role in the cocaine conspiracy.

On July 21, 2003, **Frencher** pleaded guilty to conspiracy to distribute 50 grams or more of cocaine. By pleading guilty, he admitted that he conspired with others to distribute cocaine between Feb. 27, 2002, and Jan. 10, 2003.

Specifically, **Frencher** admitted that he supplied 27.45 grams of cocaine to a co-conspirator on Feb. 27, 2002. That transaction led to the search of a residence located at 5635 Olive, in Kansas City, Mo., in which the defendant was present. At the residence, Graves said, law enforcement officers discovered 371.72 grams of crack cocaine, 93.36 grams of cocaine powder, 343 grams of marijuana and several loaded firearms. Additionally, **Frencher** admitted to either selling or intending to sell 250.59 grams of cocaine base to another individual on seven occasions between Dec. 2, 2002, and Jan. 9, 2003.

Frencher was originally charged with conspiracy to distribute cocaine in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury on Jan. 21, 2003, in Kansas City.

Co-defendant **Derrick L. Freeman**, 20, of Kansas City, also has sentenced for his involvement in the conspiracy.

Freeman was sentenced by U.S. District Chief Judge Dean Whipple on Nov. 4, 2003, to

five years and five months in federal prison without parole.

On June 20, 2003, **Freeman** also pleaded guilty to conspiracy to distribute 50 grams or more of cocaine between Feb. 27, 2002, and Jan. 10, 2003.

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

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
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