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KC MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO CONSPIRACY TO DISTRIBUTE COCAINE

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Kansas City man pleaded guilty in federal court today to conspiracy to distribute 50 grams or more of cocaine.

Frankie D. Frencher, 21, of Kansas City, Mo., pleaded guilty before U.S. District Chief Judge Dean Whipple this afternoon to conspiracy to distribute 50 grams or more of cocaine.

By pleading guilty, **Frencher** admitted that he conspired with others to distribute cocaine between Feb. 27, 2002, and Jan. 10, 2003. **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.

As a result of pleading guilty, **Frencher** may be subject to a sentence of up to life in federal prison without parole, plus a \$4 million fine. His sentence will be determined according to the United States Sentencing Guidelines. A sentencing hearing will be scheduled after the completion of a presentence investigation by the United States Probation Office.

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

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