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## **FIFTH DEFENDANT SENTENCED IN COCAINE CONSPIRACY**

**KANSAS CITY, Mo.** – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced the fifth of seven defendants was sentenced in federal court today for conspiring to distribute crack cocaine.

**Lencorya T. Grady**, 28, of Kansas City, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Nanette K. Laughrey this afternoon to seven years and 10 months in federal prison without parole.

On Jan. 8, 2003, **Grady** pleaded guilty to conspiring to distribute crack cocaine in an amount of 50 grams or more. By pleading guilty, **Grady** admitted that from Sept. 2001, through Oct. 2001, he conspired with others to distribute 154.15 grams of crack cocaine. He also admitted that beginning June 2002, he began supplying co-defendants in the case with crack cocaine.

**Grady** was among seven co-defendants indicted in the crack cocaine conspiracy on July 10, 2002.

Co-defendants **Jason L. Tuberville**, 32, and **Robert Martin**, 32, both of Kansas City, Mo., were sentenced by U.S. District Judge Nanette K. Laughrey on April 24, 2003. Each received a sentence of 10 years and 11 months in federal prison without parole. On Jan. 2, 2003, both **Tuberville** and **Martin** pleaded guilty to conspiracy to distribute 50 grams or more of crack cocaine from January 1999 to June 27, 2002.

Co-defendant **Jose Alvarado Contreras**, 33, of Kansas City, Kan., was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Nanette K. Laughrey on April 24, 2003, to six years and six months in federal prison without parole.

Co-defendant **Veronica Elisabeth Moreno**, 29, of Long Beach, Calif., was sentenced on

April 23, 2003, to two years and 11 months in federal prison without parole. She earlier pleaded guilty to her role in a conspiracy to distribute five kilograms or more of cocaine from January 1999 to June 27, 2002.

Co-defendants **Lynn E. Haynes**, 30, and **Carlos M. Nelson, Jr.**, 20, both of Kansas City, Mo., have pleaded guilty and await sentencing.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Lajuana M. Counts and Assistant U.S. Attorney Jeffrey Valenti. It was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department, the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

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