

## **NEWS RELEASE**

## OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY WESTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI

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## FIVE MEN SENTENCED FOR VIOLATING FEDERAL FIREARMS LAWS

**SPRINGFIELD, Mo.** – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced today that five men were sentenced in separate and unrelated cases for violating federal firearms laws.

\*Jimmy R. Greene, 41, of Joplin, Mo., was sentenced by U.S. District Chief Judge Dean Whipple on Feb. 20, 2002, to two years in federal prison without parole.

On April 30, 2002, **Greene** pleaded guilty to being an unlawful user of a controlled substance in possession of a FMJ .45 caliber pistol and a .22 caliber High Standard pistol, together with ammunition. **Greene** was indicted on the charge on Feb. 27, 2002. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for anyone who is an unlawful user of a controlled substance to possess any firearm or ammunition. **Greene** was found in possession of the weapons on Feb. 9, 2002, in Jasper County, Mo.

This case was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms and the Joplin, Mo., Police Department.

\*Jason Alan Reece, 20, of Springfield, Mo., was sentenced by U.S. District Chief Judge Dean Whipple on Feb. 20, 2002, to one year and three months in federal prison without parole.

On July 16, 2002, **Reece** pleaded guilty to being a felon in possession of a firearm. **Reece** was indicted on the charge on Feb. 27, 2002. By pleading guilty, **Reece** admitted that on April 27, 2002, in Greene County, Mo., he was in possession of a Rossi Interarms .38 caliber pistol with ammunition. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for anyone convicted of a felony to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition. **Reece** has a 2001 criminal felony conviction for unlawful use of a weapon.

This case was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms and the Springfield, Mo., Police Department.

\*Glen A. Tune, 26, of West Plains, Mo., was sentenced by U.S. District Chief Judge Dean Whipple on Feb. 20, 2002, to four years and three months in federal prison without parole.

On July 8, 2002, **Tune** pleaded guilty to being an unlawful user of a controlled substance in possession of an Intratec 9 mm pistol, a Higgins 12 gauge shotgun, an Ithaca 20 gauge shotgun, a Young American .22 caliber revolver and a UMC .22 caliber rifle, together with ammunition. **Tune** was indicted on the charge on May 1, 2002. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for anyone who is an unlawful user of a controlled substance to possess any firearm or ammunition. **Tune** was found in possession of the weapons and ammunition on Feb. 1, 2002, in Howell County, Mo.

This case was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, the Missouri State Highway Patrol and the Howell County Sheriff's Department.

\*Charles M. Ingram, Jr., 28, of Springfield, Mo., was sentenced by U.S. District Chief Judge Dean Whipple on Feb. 20, 2002, to nine years and two months in federal prison without parole.

On Oct. 15, 2002, **Ingram** pleaded guilty to being a felon in possession of a firearm and an unlawful user of a controlled substance in possession of a firearm. **Ingram** was indicted on the charge on May 1, 2002. By pleading guilty, **Ingram** admitted that on March 7, 2002, in Christian County, Mo., he was an unlawful user of a controlled substance and a felon in possession of a Taurus .38 caliber revolver with ammunition. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for anyone convicted of a felony to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition. **Ingram** has two criminal felony convictions for possession of a controlled substance in 2000, a criminal felony conviction for possession of drug paraphernalia in 2000, a criminal felony conviction for stealing in 2000 and a criminal felony conviction for possession of a controlled substance in a county jail in 2000. **Ingram** also has a 2001 criminal felony conviction for the sale of a controlled substance. It is also illegal, Graves explained, for anyone who is an unlawful user of a controlled substance to possess any firearm or ammunition

This case was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, the Ozark, Mo., Police Department and the Christian County Sheriff's Department.

\*Travis Bryant, 41, of Springfield, Mo., was sentenced by U.S. District Chief Judge Dean Whipple on Feb. 20, 2002, to 10 years in federal prison without parole.

On July, 23, 2002, a federal jury found **Bryant** guilty of being a felon in possession of a firearm and an unlawful user of a controlled substance in possession of a firearm. **Bryant** was indicted on the charge on May 1, 2002. A jury found that on March 3, 2002, in Greene County, Mo., **Bryant** was an unlawful user of a controlled substance and in possession of a pistol. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for anyone convicted of a felony to be in possession of

any firearm or ammunition. **Bryant** has criminal felony convictions for robbery in 1980, unlawful use of a weapon in 1983, 1984 and 1992, and possession of a controlled substance in 1985. It is also illegal, Graves explained, for anyone who is an unlawful user of a controlled substance to possess any firearm or ammunition

This case was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms and the Springfield, Mo., Police Department.

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