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JOPLIN MAN SENTENCED FOR VIOLATING FEDERAL FIREARM LAW

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Joplin, Mo., man was sentenced in federal court today for being an unlawful user of a controlled substance while in possession of a firearm.

Marvin T. Greer, 32, of Joplin, Mo., was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Gary A. Fenner this morning to two years and three months in federal prison without parole.

On June, 21, 2002, **Greer** pleaded guilty to an indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Springfield on May 1, 2002. By pleading guilty, **Greer** admitted that on Feb. 13, 2002, he was in possession of a Jennings 9 mm pistol, a Lorcin .25 caliber pistol and a Charter Arms .22 caliber rifle. He also admitted to being an unlawful user of methamphetamine. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for any unlawful user of a controlled substance to possess a firearm.

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

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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