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**PROJECT CEASEFIRE**  
**INDEPENDENCE MAN SENTENCED**  
**FOR BEING FELON IN POSSESSION OF FIREARM**

**KANSAS CITY, Mo.** – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that an Independence man was sentenced in federal court today for being a felon in possession of a firearm. This case marks additional progress under Project Ceasefire, the district's ongoing anti-crime initiative.

**Jeremy A. Guy**, 21, of Independence, Mo., was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Gary A. Fenner, this morning to 12 years in federal prison without parole.

On Feb. 7, 2003, **Guy** pleaded guilty to being a felon in possession of a firearm. By pleading guilty, he admitted that he was in possession of a Lorcin .25 caliber semi-automatic pistol on Aug. 27, 2002. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for any felon to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition. **Guy** has two 1999 criminal felony convictions for burglary and assault and a 2001 criminal felony conviction for burglary.

**Guy** was initially charged with being a felon in possession of a firearm in a criminal complaint filed on Aug. 28, 2002, in Kansas City. The criminal complaint was later replaced by an indictment returned by a federal grand jury on Sept. 10, 2002, in Kansas City.

According to Graves, **Guy** was arrested for possessing the firearm after law enforcement officers responded to a call of aggravated assault involving shots fired in the vicinity of Forest and Waldo Streets in Independence.

This case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Linda L. Sybrant. It was investigated by the Independence, Mo., Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

**Project Ceasefire**

Project Ceasefire, launched in October 1999, is a cooperative initiative by federal and local law enforcement and the Kansas City Crime Commission that targets persons who unlawfully use or possess firearms for federal prosecution.

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