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KC MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO DISTRIBUTING NEARLY 500 GRAMS OF 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 distribution of cocaine.

Freddie Harold, 60, of Kansas City, Mo., also known as Ronald Johnson, pleaded guilty before U.S. District Chief Judge Dean Whipple this afternoon to an information charging him with distributing cocaine on Jan. 29, 2003, in Kansas City.

Harold also pleaded guilty to a forfeiture count of the information, which requires him to forfeit any proceeds derived as a result of distributing cocaine, including approximately \$14,488 and a black Cadillac Seville.

By pleading guilty, **Harold** admitted that he sold 493.24 grams of cocaine in exchange for approximately \$12,460, at a residence located in the 1200 block of South Michigan Avenue in Kansas City.

Harold was originally charged with distributing cocaine in a criminal complaint filed in federal court on Jan. 30, 2003, in Kansas City.

Under federal law, **Harold** may be subject to a maximum sentence of up to 20 years in federal prison without parole, plus a fine of up to \$1 million. **Harold's** 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.

This case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney W. Brent Powell. It was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department.

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 www.usdoj.gov/usao/mow