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TWO MORE DEFENDANTS PLEAD GUILTY TO COCAINE CONSPIRACY

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that two more defendants pleaded guilty today to their role in a conspiracy to distribute crack and powder cocaine.

Lynn E. Haynes, 30, of Kansas City, Mo., pleaded guilty this afternoon before U.S. District Judge Nanette K. Laughrey to conspiracy to distribute five kilograms or more of cocaine from January 1999 to June 27, 2002. By pleading guilty, Graves added, **Haynes** also agreed to forfeit to the United States \$134,737.82 derived from the sale of cocaine, and agreed to the entry of a money judgment in the amount of \$2.7 million, his estimated earnings from the conspiracy. **Haynes** agreed to forfeit assets that will be sold by the United States, with the net proceeds of the sale being used to reduce the amount owed on the money judgment, and to turn over 13 parcels of real estate in Raytown and Kansas City, Mo.

Carlos Nelson, 20, Kansas City, Mo., pleaded guilty this afternoon before U.S. District Judge Nanette K. Laughrey to conspiracy to distribute 50 grams or more of crack cocaine from January 1999 to June 27, 2002.

Haynes also admitted that 11 kilograms of cocaine that were found in his residence at 7540 S. Harrison belonged to him, and were intended for distribution to others. **Haynes** purchased cocaine approximately twice a week, Graves said, with each transaction consisting of five to eight kilograms of cocaine at a cost of \$18,500 per kilogram.

Haynes and **Nelson** are among seven co-defendants charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury on July 10, 2002. Co-defendants **Jason L. Tuberville**, 32, **Lencorya Grady**, 27, and **Robert Martin**, 32, all of Kansas City, Mo., pleaded guilty to conspiracy to distribute 50 grams or more of crack cocaine from January 1999 to June 27, 2002. **Jose Alvarado Contreras**, 32, of California; and **Veronica Elisabeth Moreno**, 29, of Long Beach, Calif., pleaded guilty to

conspiracy to distribute five kilograms or more of cocaine from January 1999 to June 27, 2002.

As a result of their plea agreements, each of these defendants could be subject to a sentence ranging from at least 10 years in prison without parole, up to life imprisonment, plus a fine up to \$4 million. The sentence will be determined according to the United States Sentencing Guidelines. A sentencing hearing will be scheduled sometime after the completion of a presentence investigation by the U.S. Probation Office.

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.

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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