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KC MAN SENTENCED FOR FIREARMS VIOLATION, CRACK COCAINE CONSPIRACY

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Kansas City man was sentenced in federal court today for violating federal narcotics and firearms laws.

Vershon M. Haywood, 33, of Kansas City, Mo., was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Gary A. Fenner this afternoon to 11 years and four months in federal prison without parole.

On Sept. 6, 2002, **Haywood** pleaded guilty to conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute and to distribute 50 grams or more of crack cocaine. He also pleaded guilty to being in possession of a firearm in furtherance of narcotics trafficking. **Haywood** possessed an FEG mm semiautomatic handgun on March 28, 2002.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney David DeTar Newbert. 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

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