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## **FINAL OF THREE DEFENDANTS SENTENCED FOR CONSPIRING TO DISTRIBUTE MARIJUANA**

**KANSAS CITY, Mo.** – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that the last of three defendants was sentenced in federal court today for his role in a conspiracy to distribute marijuana in Jackson County, Mo.

**Gary D. Holcomb**, 41, of Kansas City, Mo., was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Fernando J. Gaitan, Jr., this morning to four years and two months in federal prison without parole.

On Dec. 8, 2002, **Holcomb** pleaded guilty to conspiring to distribute more than 100 kilograms of marijuana between Jan. 1, 2002, and May 20, 2002, in Jackson County.

Two other co-defendants also have been sentenced in federal court for their roles in the conspiracy to distribute marijuana in Kansas City. All the defendants were indicted on the charges by a federal grand jury on July 31, 2002, in Kansas City.

**Darrell Lee Vest**, 34, of Kansas City, was sentenced to two years and 11 months in federal prison without parole. On Dec. 5, 2002, **Vest** pleaded guilty to conspiring to distribute more than 100 kilograms of marijuana in Jackson County. His sentence was ordered to run consecutively to a 30-month sentenced adjudged for violating supervised release on a prior case.

**Anthony J. Bribiesca**, 46, address unknown, was sentenced to eight months in federal prison without parole. On Dec. 6, 2002, **Bribiesca** pleaded guilty to conspiring to distribute less than 50 kilograms of marijuana.

The cases were prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Charles E. Ambrose, Jr. They were investigated by the Jackson County, Mo., Drug Task Force.

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