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KANSAS MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO COCAINE CONSPIRACY, MONEY LAUNDERING

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Roeland Park, Kan., man pleaded guilty today to distributing cocaine, then laundering the proceeds by purchasing a truck from a Blue Springs dealer who has already been sentenced for his role in the incident.

Christopher E. Horsley, 31, of Roeland Park, Kan., waived his right to a grand jury and pleaded guilty before U.S. District Judge Scott O. Wright this afternoon to a federal information.

Horsley admitted that he conspired with others to distribute approximately 3.3 kilograms of cocaine between Oct. 1, 1999 and Feb. 16, 2001.

Horsley also admitted that he used the proceeds of that criminal activity to purchase a 1999 Chevy Tahoe for \$21,000. That purchase, Graves explained, was structured to avoid the transaction reporting requirements under federal law.

In a separate but related case, Graves added, the owner of a Blue Springs car dealership was sentenced on Nov. 15, 2002, for his role in laundering the proceeds of **Horsley's** cocaine trafficking.

Andrew S. Holloway, 43, of Blue Springs, Mo., the owner of Car Outlet, 609 S. 7 Highway, Blue Springs, Mo., was sentenced to two years and six months in prison without parole. On August 2, 2002, **Holloway** waived indictment to plead guilty to an information that charges him with conducting a financial transaction which involved the proceeds of an unlawful activity, knowing that the transaction was designed to avoid a federal transaction reporting requirement. **Holloway** sold the 1999 Chevy Tahoe to **Horsley**, Graves said, knowing the cash represented unlawful drug proceeds. **Holloway** admitted that he assisted the cocaine dealer in concealing his use of substantial amounts of cash by creating false sales documents, which

understated the purchase price of the vehicle. Those false sales documents, Graves explained, were created to avoid filing Form 8300 (Report of Cash Payments Received in Trade or Business) with the Internal Revenue Service, and to conceal the method of payment. Federal law requires that when a person involved in a business or trade receives cash in excess of \$10,000, the person must file a Form 8300 with the Internal Revenue Service reporting that transaction.

As a result of today's guilty plea, **Horsley** could be subject to a minimum sentence of 10 years in federal prison without parole, up to life imprisonment, plus a fine up to \$4.5 million. The 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 U.S. Probation Office.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney David M. Ketchmark. It was investigated by the Jackson County Drug Task Force, the Internal Revenue Service and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

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