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UPDATE: PROJECT CEASEFIRE
KC MAN WITH 16 FELONY CONVICTIONS INDICTED FOR
POSSESSING FIREARM

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Kansas City man was indicted by a federal grand jury today for violating a federal firearms law. Today's indictment is part of Project Ceasefire, the district's ongoing anti-crime initiative, which has resulted in charges against 70 defendants so far this year.

Gregory K. Hunt, 49, of Kansas City, Mo., was indicted by a federal grand jury in Kansas City for being a felon in possession of a firearm.

The federal indictment alleges that **Hunt** was in possession of a .357 Magnum revolver on May 11, 2003. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for anyone who has been convicted of a felony to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition. **Hunt** has 16 previous criminal felony convictions dating back to 1970, with the most recent occurring in January 2003. Among his felony convictions are car theft, possession of marijuana, burglary and unlawful use of a weapon.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney David A. Barnes. It was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

Graves cautioned that the charge contained in the indictment is simply an accusation, and not evidence of guilt. Evidence supporting the charge must be presented to a federal trial jury, whose duty is to determine guilt or innocence.

Project Ceasefire

Project Ceasefire, launched in October 1999, is a cooperative initiative by federal and local law enforcement and the Kansas City Crime Commission that targets persons who

unlawfully use or possess firearms for federal prosecution. Project Ceasefire has resulted in federal charges against 433 defendants, and convictions against 354 of those defendants, including 331 who pleaded guilty and 23 who were convicted at trial. A total of 310 of the 354 convicted defendants have been sentenced, and 43 currently await sentencing hearings.

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