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KC MAN SENTENCED TO 20 YEARS FOR POSSESSION, INTENT TO DISTRIBUTE CRACK COCAINE

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 possession with intent to distribute 50 grams or more of crack cocaine.

Jarrett D. Jackson, 21, of Kansas City, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Fernando J. Gaitan, Jr., this morning to 20 years in federal prison without parole. Under federal law, Graves explained, Jackson's sentence was increased from 10 years to 20 years because of a prior drug conviction.

On July 11, 2003, he pleaded guilty to possession with intent to distribute 50 grams or more of crack cocaine. By pleading guilty, Graves said, **Jackson** admitted that he possessed with intent to distribute 50 grams or more of crack cocaine on Oct. 4, 2002, in Kansas City.

Jackson was arrested for possessing crack cocaine on Oct. 4, 2002, when he was stopped for a traffic violation. At the time of the traffic stop, **Jackson** fled the scene and law enforcement officers later discovered 99.24 grams of crack cocaine in the center console of his vehicle.

Jackson was originally charged with possession with intent to distribute crack cocaine in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury on Dec. 19, 2002, in Kansas City.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney David DeTar Newbert. The case 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 www.usdoj.gov/usao/mow