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INDEPENDENCE, MO., POLICE OFFICER SENTENCED FOR ATTEMPTING TO DISTRIBUTE STEROIDS

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a former Independence, Mo., police officer was sentenced today for attempting to sell anabolic steroids to a fellow police officer.

Timothy M. Kamer, 29, of Independence, Mo., was sentenced this morning by U.S. District Judge Fernando J. Gaitan, Jr., to two years probation, the first three months of which will be served in home detention.

“**Kamer** also has paid an additional penalty to the sentence he received today,” Graves said. “He will never again have the honor of wearing a badge as a police officer.”

On Nov. 18, 2002, **Kamer** pleaded guilty to attempting to distribute anabolic steroids, a Schedule III controlled substance. **Kamer** was charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury meeting in Kansas City on Sept. 11, 2002. **Kamer**, a former police officer, previously worked for the Independence, Mo., Police Department.

Kamer approached a fellow officer in the Independence, Mo., Police Department last February, Graves said, and offered to sell him anabolic steroids to enhance the officer’s bodybuilding. **Kamer** agreed to obtain steroids from a source in St. Louis for \$450. Although **Kamer** allegedly accepted the \$450 payment, Graves said, he later told the officer that he was unable to obtain the steroids from his source.

Despite **Kamer’s** actions, Graves said it is important that people do not lose faith in their local police departments and law enforcement officers.

“It’s disturbing to think that the actions of one bad cop might cast poor light on an entire group of police officers, but that is not the case here,” Graves said. “Police officers in the Kansas City area are honorable and hardworking individuals, dedicated to keeping our neighborhoods safe. They are the kind of people who run toward trouble when everyone else is running away.”

The case is was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Mark A. Miller. It was investigated by the Jackson County Drug Task Force.

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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