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## KC MAN SENTENCED FOR CONSPIRING TO DISTRIBUTE 1,000 GRAMS OR MORE OF PCP

**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 for his role in a conspiracy to distribute 1,000 grams or more of phencyclidine (PCP).

**Damon M. King**, 30, of Kansas City, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Fernando J. Gaitan, Jr., this morning to 10 years in federal prison without parole.

On Nov. 21, 2002, **King** pleaded guilty to an indictment returned by a Kansas City federal grand jury on July 10, 2002. By pleading guilty, **King** admitted to his role in a conspiracy to distribute 1,000 grams or more of PCP between Jan. 1, 2002, and July 2, 2002.

**King** is the second defendant sentenced for his involvement in the PCP conspiracy.

**Bertkinzey E. Marchbanks**, 38, of Kansas City, Mo., also was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Fernando J. Gaitan, Jr., on Feb. 28, 2003, to six years and six months in federal prison without parole.

On Nov. 14, 2002, **Marchbanks** pleaded guilty to a federal indictment filed on July 10, 2002. By pleading guilty, **Marchbanks** also admitted to his role in a conspiracy to distribute 1,000 grams or more of PCP between Jan. 1, 2002 and July 2, 2002.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Michael S. Oliver. It was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

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