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CO-CONSPIRATOR SENTENCED FOR DISTRIBUTING 100 KILOS OR MORE OF MARIJUANA

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that an Independence, Mo., man was sentenced in federal court today for his role in a conspiracy to distribute 100 kilograms or more of marijuana.

Steven Langsford, 28, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Scott O. Wright this morning to two years in federal prison without parole.

On May 24, 2002, **Langsford** pleaded guilty to an information charging him with the federal law violation. By pleading guilty, **Langsford** admitted to his role in a conspiracy to distribute 100 kilograms or more of marijuana between Jan. 1, 1997, and May 1, 1999.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney David A. Barnes. It was investigated by the Jackson County, Mo., 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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