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KCK MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO 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, Kan., man pleaded guilty in federal court today to possession with intent to distribute crack cocaine.

Bobby R. Leveringston, 26, of Kansas City, Kan., pleaded guilty before U.S. District Chief Judge Dean Whipple this morning to possession with intent to distribute crack cocaine.

By pleading guilty, **Leveringston** admitted that he was in possession with intent to distribute crack cocaine on Nov. 17, 2002, in Kansas City, Mo. Specifically, **Leveringston** admitted that he possessed 25.1 grams of crack cocaine and 47.31 grams of cocaine at the Marriott Residence Inn, located at 2975 Main St., in Kansas City.

Leveringston was originally charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury on April 15, 2003, in Kansas City.

As a result of pleading guilty, **Leveringston** may be subject to a sentence of up to 40 years in federal prison without parole, plus a \$2 million fine. His sentence will be determined according to the United States Sentencing Guidelines. A sentencing hearing will be scheduled after the completion of a presentence investigation by the United States Probation Office.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Candace Cole. The case was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department.

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