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KC MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO UNLAWFULLY TRANSPORTING STOLEN VEHICLE

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Kansas City, Mo., man pleaded guilty in federal court today to unlawfully transporting a stolen vehicle across the state line.

Arron M. Lewis, 22, of Kansas City, Mo., waived his right to an indictment and pleaded guilty before U.S. District Judge Ortrie D. Smith this morning to a federal information. The information charges **Lewis** with transporting a stolen 1997 Chrysler Sebring from the state of Missouri to the state of Kansas. The information replaces a criminal complaint filed against **Lewis** on Nov. 13, 2003.

As a result of today's guilty plea, **Lewis** could be subject to a sentence of up to 10 years in federal prison without parole, plus a fine up to \$250,000. 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 Jess E. Michaelsen. It was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department, the Shawnee, Kan., Police Department and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

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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