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UPDATE: PROJECT CEASEFIRE **FOUR PLEAD GUILTY TO FIREARMS CHARGES**

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that four defendants pleaded guilty, in separate and unrelated cases, in federal court today to violating federal firearms laws. These cases mark additional progress under Project Ceasefire, the district's ongoing anti-crime initiative.

* **Charles Logan**, 31, of Kansas City, Mo., pleaded guilty before U.S. District Judge Gary A. Fenner this morning to being a felon in possession of a firearm.

Logan pleaded guilty to an indictment returned by a federal grand jury on June 18, 2003, in Kansas City. By pleading guilty, **Logan** admitted that he was in possession of a Remington 12 gauge shotgun on March 23, 2003. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for anyone convicted of a felony to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition. **Logan** has four 1995 criminal felony convictions for burglary, stealing and two counts of tampering and a 1996 criminal felony conviction for drug possession.

As a result of today's guilty plea, **Logan** may 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.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Linda L. Sybrant. It was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

* **Jeremy R. Cheek**, 27, of Holt, Mo., pleaded guilty before U.S. District Judge Fernando J. Gaitan, Jr., this morning to being an unlawful user of a controlled substance in possession of a firearm.

Cheek pleaded guilty to an indictment returned by a federal grand jury on March 11, 2003, in Kansas City. By pleading guilty, **Cheek** admitted that he was a user of methamphetamine and in possession of a Smith and Wesson .380 caliber semi-automatic pistol on Feb. 28, 2003. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for anyone who is an unlawful user of a controlled substance to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition.

As a result of today's guilty plea, **Cheek** may be subject to a sentence of up to 10 years in federal prison without parole, plus a fine up to \$250,000. If the court determines that his prior criminal history involves convictions for three crimes of violence or a drug trafficking offense, Graves added, **Cheek** could be subject to a minimum sentence of 15 years in federal prison without parole, up to life imprisonment, 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.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney David A. Barnes. It was investigated by the Independence, Mo., Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

* **Rodney E. Kindall**, 37, of Kansas City, Mo., pleaded guilty before U.S. District Judge Gary A. Fenner this morning to being a felon in possession of a firearm.

Kindall pleaded guilty to an indictment returned by a federal grand jury on May 14, 2003, in Kansas City. By pleading guilty, **Kindall** admitted that he was in possession of a Llama .22 caliber revolver on Jan. 11, 2003. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for anyone convicted of a felony to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition. **Kindall** has two criminal felony convictions for aggravated assault and one criminal felony conviction for theft in 1996.

As a result of today's guilty plea, **Kindall** may 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.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Rudolph R. Rhodes, IV. It was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

* **Andrew J. Maxey**, 38, of Kansas City, Mo., pleaded guilty before U.S. District Chief Judge Dean Whipple this afternoon to being a felon in possession of a firearm.

Maxey pleaded guilty to an indictment returned by a federal grand jury on March 11, 2003, in Kansas City. By pleading guilty, **Maxey** admitted that he was in possession of a Fraser .25 caliber semi-automatic pistol on Feb. 24, 2003. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for anyone convicted of a felony to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition. **Maxey**

has a 1986 criminal felony conviction for burglary, three 1991 criminal felony convictions for stealing a motor vehicle, burglary and attempted robbery, two 1992 criminal felony convictions for burglary and stealing, a 1994 criminal felony conviction for forgery and a 2000 criminal felony conviction for passing a bad check.

As a result of today's guilty plea, **Maxey** could be subject to a minimum sentence of 15 years in federal prison without parole, up to life imprisonment, 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.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney David A. Barnes. It was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

Project Ceasefire

Project Ceasefire, launched in October 1999, is a cooperative initiative by federal and local law enforcement that targets persons who unlawfully use or possess firearms for federal prosecution.

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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