

## **NEWS RELEASE**

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# UPDATE: PROJECT CEASEFIRE RAYTOWN WOMAN INDICTED FOR ILLEGAL POSSESSION OF AMMUNITION

**KANSAS CITY, Mo.** – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Raytown, Mo., woman was indicted by a federal grand jury today for illegal possession of ammunition.

**Eva J. Long**, 34, of Raytown, Mo., was indicted by a federal grand jury in Kansas City for being a felon in possession of ammunition.

The federal indictment alleges that **Long** was in possession of PMC .380 caliber ammunition on July 23, 2003. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for anyone who has been convicted of a felony to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition. **Long** has 16 criminal felony convictions from 1998 and 2000. The criminal felony convictions include possession of a controlled substance, receiving stolen property, unlawful use of a weapon, forgery, stealing by deceit, conspiracy to manufacture a controlled substance, possession with intent to distribute and auto theft.

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

Graves cautioned that the charge contained in the indictment is simply an accusation, and not evidence of guilt. Evidence supporting the charge must be presented to a federal trial jury, whose duty is to determine guilt or innocence.

#### **Project Ceasefire**

Project Ceasefire, launched in October 1999, is a cooperative initiative by federal and local law enforcement and the Kansas City Crime Commission that targets for federal

prosecution persons who unlawfully use or possess firearms.

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