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a Kansas City, Mo., man pleaded guilty in federal court to illegal possession of a firearm. The case is being prosecuted under Project Ceasefire, the district's ongoing anti-crime initiative.

**Maurice B. Brown**, 36, of Kansas City, Mo., pleaded guilty before U.S. District Judge Ortrie D. Smith this morning to being a felon in possession of a firearm.

## **TEXAS MAN SENTENCED FOR MARIJUANA CONSPIRACY**

**KANSAS CITY, Mo.** – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that an El Paso, Texas, man was sentenced in federal court today for conspiracy to distribute marijuana.

**Martin Martinez**, 39, of El Paso, Texas, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Ortrie D. Smith this morning to one year and one day in federal prison without parole.

On March 10, 2003, **Martinez** pleaded guilty to conspiring to distribute marijuana on Nov.5, 2002.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Jess Michaelson. It was investigated by the Drug Enforcement Administration.

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