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## **COLUMBIA MAN SENTENCED FOR DISTRIBUTING COCAINE**

**JEFFERSON CITY, Mo.** – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Columbia man was sentenced in federal court today for distributing crack cocaine.

**Donald Edward Matthews**, 49, of Columbia, Mo., was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Scott O. Wright this morning to three years and 10 months in federal prison without parole.

On April 14, 2003, **Matthews** pleaded guilty to distributing five grams or more of crack cocaine. By pleading guilty, **Matthews** admitted that he knowingly distributed the crack cocaine on Nov. 3, 2000, in Columbia, Mo.

This case was prosecuted by Special Assistant U.S. Attorney Doug Shull. The case was investigated by MUSTANG, a multi-jurisdictional law enforcement task force including the Missouri State Highway Patrol, the Boone County, Mo., Sheriff's Office, and municipal police departments in Columbia, Booneville, Mo., Fulton, Mo., and Jefferson City.

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