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**PROJECT CEASEFIRE**  
**KC MAN SENTENCED TO 15 YEARS IN PRISON**  
**FOR POSSESSING FIREARM**

**KANSAS CITY, Mo.** – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Kansas City, Mo., man was sentenced to 15 years in federal prison today for being a felon in possession of a firearm. The case marks additional progress under Project Ceasefire, the district's ongoing anti-crime initiative.

**Andrew J. Maxey**, 39, of Kansas City, Mo., was sentenced by U.S. District Chief Judge Dean Whipple this morning to 15 years in federal prison without parole for being a felon in possession of a firearm.

On July 21, 2003, **Maxey** pleaded guilty to being a felon in possession of a firearm. 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 who has been convicted of a felony to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition. **Maxey** has a 1986 criminal felony conviction for burglary, four 1991 criminal felony convictions for auto theft, burglary, attempted robbery and tampering, a 1992 criminal felony conviction for burglary, a 1994 criminal felony conviction for forgery, and a 2000 criminal felony conviction for passing bad checks.

**Maxey** was originally charged in a criminal complaint filed in federal court in February 2003, in Kansas City. The criminal complaint was later replaced by an indictment returned by a federal grand jury on March 11, 2003, in Kansas City. According to an affidavit filed in support of the criminal complaint, **Maxey** was arrested on Feb. 24, 2003, at 2352 N.E. Parvin Road. Law enforcement officers were responding to a disturbance call and discovered the firearm in **Maxey's** rear pants pocket.

This case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney David A. Barnes. It was investigated

by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department and 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 and the Kansas City Crime Commission that targets persons who unlawfully use or possess firearms for federal prosecution.

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