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## PROJECT CEASEFIRE **JURY CONVICTS FELON FOR POSSESSING SEVERAL FIREARMS**

**KANSAS CITY, Mo.** – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced today that a Kansas City man has been convicted by a federal jury for violating federal firearms law.

**Gregory L. McCall**, 44, of Kansas City, was found guilty of being a felon in possession of a firearms by a jury in the U.S. District Court on Jan. 22, 2003.

Following **McCall's** trial, Graves said, the jury deliberated about two hours before returning the guilty verdict to U.S. District Chief Judge Dean Whipple, ending a trial that began Jan. 21, 2003.

The jury found **McCall** guilty of being in possession of a Smith & Wesson .32 caliber revolver, a Maverick 12 gauge shotgun, a Ruger 9 mm semi-automatic pistol, a Stevens .22 caliber rifle and a J.C. Higgins .22 caliber rifle on Feb. 15, 2002. Under federal law, Graves explained, possession of any firearm by a felon is illegal. **McCall** has three prior criminal felony convictions for robbery, manslaughter and drug possession.

“Given the severity of this defendant’s prior felony convictions and the number of firearms confiscated at the time of his arrest, it is clear that no good could have come of his possessing those weapons,” Graves said. “Under Project Ceasefire, this office aggressively prosecutes violations of federal firearms law as a strategy for preventing felons from committing more crime. In the end, it is always good to see a jury support the Project Ceasefire effort.”

**McCall** was originally indicted by a federal grand jury on Feb. 27, 2002. The indictment replaced a federal criminal complaint filed against him on Feb. 19, 2002.

With regard to **McCall's** initial arrest, Graves explained, an officer of the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department recovered the weapons while executing a search warrant on **McCall's** residence. The KCMO police officer was accompanied by an officer from the Overland Park, Kan., Police Department. The original intent of the search warrant was to locate counterfeit identification that was allegedly being produced by **McCall**, as well as stolen property allegedly being stored at his residence.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Linda L. Sybrant. It was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department, and authorities in Johnson County, Kan.

### **Project Ceasefire**

Project Ceasefire, launched in October 1999, is a cooperative initiative by federal and local law enforcement that targets for federal prosecution persons who unlawfully use or possess firearms. Project Ceasefire has resulted in federal charges against 369 defendants, and convictions against 320 of those defendants, including 297 who pleaded guilty and 23 who were convicted at trial. A total of 269 of the 320 convicted defendants have been sentenced, and 51 currently await sentencing hearings.

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