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KC MAN SENTENCED FOR POSSESSION WITH INTENT TO DISTRIBUTE 322 GRAMS OF COCAINE

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Kansas City man was sentenced in federal court today for possessing with intent to distribute 322.97 grams of cocaine and violating the conditions of his supervised release from a previous criminal felony conviction.

Mario Moran-Morett, 26, of Kansas City, Mo., was sentenced by U.S. District Chief Judge Dean Whipple this morning to six years and six months in federal prison without parole.

Moran-Morett received five years in federal prison for possessing with intent to distribute cocaine and one year and six months for violating the conditions of his supervised release.

On July 9, 2002, **Moran-Morett** pleaded guilty to an indictment returned by a federal grand jury on June 11, 2002. By pleading guilty to the indictment, **Moran-Morett** admitted that he possessed with intent to distribute cocaine on May 22, 2002. Law enforcement officers found 322.97 grams of powder cocaine in a bedroom closet at **Moran-Morett's** home, Graves said. **Moran-Morett** further admitted that he sold 27.45 grams of cocaine and 60.32 grams of methamphetamine on three separate occasions.

Moran-Morett also was sentenced for violating the conditions of his supervised release. At the time **Moran Morett** possessed with intent to distribute the cocaine, he was on supervised release after serving four years and six months in prison for conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine on June 1, 1998.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Michael S. Oliver. It was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department.

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