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BLUE SPRINGS MAN SENTENCED FOR COCAINE CONSPIRACY

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Blue Springs, Mo., man was sentenced in federal court today for conspiring to distribute cocaine.

Joseph L. Noland, 29, of Blue Springs, Mo., was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Fernando J. Gaitan, Jr. this morning to five years and 10 months in federal prison without parole.

On March 11, 2003, **Noland** and his brother, **James W. Noland**, 24, also of Blue Springs, pleaded guilty to conspiracy to distribute 500 grams or more of cocaine between July 1, 2001, and June 14, 2002. **James Noland** awaits sentencing.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Michael S. Oliver. It was investigated by the Jackson County Drug Task Force, the United States Customs Service and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

This news release, as well as additional information about the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, is available on-line at

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