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BLUE SPRINGS, MO., MAN SENTENCED IN 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 with his brother to distribute cocaine.

James W. Noland, 25, of Blue Springs, Mo., was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Fernando J. Gaitan, Jr., this morning to two years and eight months in federal prison without parole.

On March 11, 2003, **James Noland** pleaded guilty to conspiring to distribute 500 grams or more of cocaine. By pleading guilty, Graves said, **James Noland** admitted that between July 1, 2001, and June 14, 2002, he conspired with his brother, **Joseph L. Noland**, 23, also of Blue Springs, to distribute 500 grams or more of cocaine.

Joseph Noland also pleaded guilty and was sentenced on July 1, 2003, to five years and 10 months in federal prison without parole.

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

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