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## **KC MAN INDICTED FOR BEING FELON IN POSSESSION OF FIREARM**

**KANSAS CITY, Mo.** – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Kansas City, Mo., man was indicted by a federal grand jury today for being a felon in possession of a firearm.

**John W. Overcast**, 33, of Kansas City, Mo., was charged in a federal indictment returned today by a federal grand jury meeting in Kansas City.

The federal indictment alleges that **Overcast** was in possession of a Glock .40 caliber semi-automatic pistol on June 12, 2003. Under federal law, Graves said, it is illegal for any felon to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition. **Overcast** has a 2000 criminal felony conviction in Jackson County, Mo., for receiving stolen property, and 1998 criminal felony convictions in Clay County, Mo., for felony tampering on two occasions and felony theft.

**Overcast** was originally charged with being a felon in possession of a firearm in a criminal complaint filed on June 13, 2003, in Kansas City. According to an affidavit filed in support of the criminal complaint, **Overcast** also was convicted of two counts of second degree burglary and two counts of felony stealing in 1990.

Graves cautioned that the charges contained in the indictment are simply accusations, and not evidence of guilt. Evidence supporting the charges must be presented to a federal trial jury, whose duty is to determine guilt or innocence.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney K. Michael Warner. It was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department.

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