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PROJECT CEASEFIRE
**TWO FELONS SENTENCED FOR ILLEGAL
POSSESSION OF FIREARM**

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that two Kansas City felons were sentenced, in separate and unrelated cases, in federal court today for illegally possessing a firearm. The cases mark additional progress under Project Ceasefire, the district's ongoing anti-crime initiative.

* **Donzell L. Moore**, 29, of Kansas City, Mo., was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Scott O. Wright this afternoon to four years in federal prison without parole.

On April 18, 2003, **Moore** pleaded guilty to being a felon in possession a firearm. By pleading guilty, **Moore** admitted that he was in possession of a Smith and Wesson .22 caliber semi-automatic pistol on Feb. 22, 2003. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for any felon to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition. **Moore** has a 1994 criminal felony conviction for two counts of delivery of a controlled substance.

Moore was originally charged with being a felon in possession of a firearm in a criminal complaint filed on Feb. 24, 2003, in Kansas City. The criminal complaint was later replaced by an indictment returned by a federal grand jury on March 4, 2003, in Kansas City.

Moore was arrested on Feb. 22, 2003, following a foot chase with law enforcement officers near the 4100 block of Bellefontaine Street in Kansas City. Law enforcement officers initially observed **Moore** fail to use a turn signal while driving a 1999 Pontiac Grand-Am in the area. At the time law enforcement officers stopped the car, **Moore** exited the vehicle and began running between houses in the area, Graves said. After requesting the assistance of canine officers, law enforcement officers discovered **Moore** hiding under a back porch in the area. Law enforcement officers discovered the firearm during their pursuit of **Moore**.

This case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Bruce E. Clark. It was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

* **Katrice M. Parker**, 36, of Kansas City, Mo., was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Howard F. Sachs this afternoon to four years in federal prison without parole.

On April 17, 2003, **Parker** pleaded guilty to being a felon in possession a firearm. By pleading guilty, **Parker** admitted that she was in possession of a H&R Inc., .22 caliber revolver on Dec. 18, 2002. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for any felon to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition. **Parker** has a 1996 criminal felony conviction for possession of a controlled substance.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Bruce E. Clark. It was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

Project Ceasefire

Project Ceasefire, launched in October 1999, is a cooperative initiative by federal and local law enforcement and the Kansas City Crime Commission that targets persons who unlawfully use or possess firearms for federal prosecution.

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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