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## **MARSHALL, MO., MAN SENTENCED FOR ILLEGAL POSSESSION OF FIREARM**

**KANSAS CITY, Mo.** – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Marshall, Mo., man was sentenced in federal court today for being a felon in possession of firearms.

**Alvin K. Parks**, 44, of Marshall, Mo., was sentenced by U.S. District Chief Judge Dean Whipple this morning to four years and nine months in federal prison without parole.

On May 6, 2003, **Parks** pleaded guilty to being a felon in possession of a firearm. By pleading guilty, he admitted that he was in possession of a Winchester 12 gauge shotgun, a Brescia 6.5 mm rifle and a Deuschewaffen-Und Munitionsfabriken 8mm rifle on Nov. 19, 2002. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for anyone who has been convicted of a felony to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition. **Parks** has three 1996 criminal felony convictions for assault of a law enforcement officer, armed criminal action and assault in Lafayette County, Mo.

**Parks** was charged with being a felon in possession of a firearm in a single-count indictment returned by a federal grand jury on April 2, 2003, in Kansas City.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney David A. Barnes. The case was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms.

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