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## **HABITUAL OFFENDER SENTENCED TO 21 YEARS IN PRISON ON CRACK COCAINE CHARGES**

**KANSAS CITY, Mo.** – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Kansas City, Mo., man was sentenced in federal court today on crack cocaine charges.

**Carlus L. Phillips**, 33, of Kansas City, Mo., was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Gary A. Fenner this morning to 21 years in federal prison without parole. The court's sentence, Graves added, reflects an upward departure from the federal sentencing guidelines and is longer due to **Phillips'** status as a habitual offender and his possession of a firearm.

On Jan. 27, 2003, **Phillips** pleaded guilty to possession with intent to distribute five grams or more of crack cocaine. **Phillips** distributed crack cocaine on several occasions in August and September 2002 to an informant who was working with law enforcement officers, Graves said.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Jeffrey Valenti. It was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department.

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