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KC MAN SENTENCED TO 25 YEARS IN PRISON FOR POSSESSION, INTENT TO DISTRIBUTE CRACK COCAINE

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Kansas City man was sentenced in federal court today to 25 years in federal prison for possessing with intent to distribute crack cocaine.

Donnie E. Porter, 32, of Kansas City, Mo., was sentenced by U.S. District Chief Judge Dean Whipple this afternoon to 25 years in federal prison without parole. The judge referred to Porter as a career criminal at his sentencing hearing.

On Oct. 23, 2002, **Porter** pleaded guilty to possession with intent to distribute 50 grams or more of crack cocaine on March 21, 2002, in Kansas City. **Porter** was originally charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury on April 2, 2002, in Kansas City.

The indictment followed a search of Porter's home, which law enforcement officers determined through surveillance to be a location where he was dealing large amounts of cocaine. The residence, located at 4609 Lawn, in Kansas City, was searched on March 21, 2002. Upon searching the home, law enforcement officers discovered 285.6 grams of crack cocaine in a false partition in a kitchen cabinet, 21 grams of crack cocaine from a pair of men's blue jeans in a bedroom and more than \$9,000 in cash. The cash was discovered on the floor of a bedroom, under a mattress and inside a men's boot.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney David DeTar Newbert. The case was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department.

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