

## **NEWS RELEASE**

## OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY WESTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI

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## KC MAN INDICTED FOR CONSPIRACY TO DISTRIBUTE 50 GRAMS OR MORE OF CRACK COCAINE

**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 conspiracy to distribute 50 grams or more of crack cocaine.

**Andre L. Quarles**, 33, of Kansas City, Mo., was charged in a five-count indictment returned today by a federal grand jury meeting in Kansas City.

Count One of the federal indictment alleges that **Quarles** conspired with others to distribute 50 grams or more of crack cocaine between June 17, 2003, and June 25, 2003.

Counts Two through Four of the federal indictment allege that **Quarles** distributed crack cocaine on June 17, 2003, June 18, 2003, and June 24, 2003, respectively.

Count Five of the federal indictment allege that he possessed with intent to distribute 50 grams or more of crack cocaine on June 25, 2003.

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 Catherine A. Connelly. It was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department's Drug Enforcement Unit.

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