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## KC MAN INDICTED TWICE FOR CONSPIRING TO DISTRIBUTE COCAINE, POSSESSION OF METH, FIREARM

**KANSAS CITY, Mo.** – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Kansas City man was indicted by a federal grand jury today in two separate cases for conspiring to distribute cocaine and possessing methamphetamine and a firearm.

**Luis Ramirez**, 21, of Kansas City, was charged in a one-count indictment and in a two-count indictment, both returned by a federal grand jury today in Kansas City.

The first indictment alleges that between Jan. 1, 2002, and March 10, 2003, **Ramirez** conspired to distribute more than 500 grams of cocaine in Jackson County, Mo.

**Ramirez** was also charged in a two-count indictment. Count One of the second indictment alleges that on March 10, 2003, **Ramirez** possessed with intent to distribute more than 50 grams of methamphetamine in Jackson County. Count Two alleges that on the same day **Ramirez** was in possession of a Hi-Point 9 mm rifle in furtherance of a drug-trafficking offense.

Graves cautioned that the charges contained in the indictments 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 cases are being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Charles E. Ambrose, Jr. The case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department.

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