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INDEPENDENCE MAN INDICTED ON FEDERAL CRACK, METH, FIREARMS VIOLATIONS

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that an Independence, Mo., man was indicted by a federal grand jury today on narcotics and firearms violations.

Robert H. Reinhardt, 38, of Independence, Mo., was charged in a three-count indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Kansas City.

Count One of the federal indictment alleges that **Reinhardt** was in possession with the intent to distribute five grams or more of crack cocaine on Dec. 26, 2002, in Jackson County, Mo.

Count Two of the federal indictment alleges that **Reinhardt** was in possession with the intent to distribute methamphetamine on Dec. 26, 2002, in Jackson County.

Count Three of the federal indictment alleges that **Reinhardt** was in possession of a Sturm, Ruger and Company .22 caliber semi-automatic pistol on Dec. 26, 2002, in Jackson County. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for anyone convicted of a felony to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition. **Reinhardt** has three criminal felony convictions defined by federal statute as serious drug offenses.

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 Candace Cole. It was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department.

This news release, as well as additional information about the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, is available on-line at

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