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SECOND KC DEFENDANT SENTENCED FOR INVOLVEMENT IN PCP CONSPIRACY

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a second co-defendant was sentenced in federal court today for conspiracy to distribute phencyclidine (PCP).

George A. Richardson, 29, of Kansas City, Mo., was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Fernando J. Gaitan this morning to six years and three months in federal prison without parole.

On Feb. 18, 2003, **Richardson** pleaded guilty to conspiracy to distribute 100 grams or more of PCP between Oct. 1, 2002, and Nov. 14, 2002. **Richardson** was charged with conspiracy to distribute PCP in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury on Dec. 4, 2002.

Richardson is the second co-defendant to plead guilty and be sentenced for his involvement in the conspiracy.

James E. Carter, 23, also of Kansas City, was sentenced to five years in federal prison without parole on Feb. 21, 2003. On Jan. 7, 2003, **Carter** pleaded guilty to conspiracy to distribute 100 grams or more of PCP between Oct. 1, 2002, and Nov. 14, 2002.

This case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney David A Barnes. It was investigated by 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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