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## **THREE KC RESIDENTS INDICTED FOR DRUG, GUN CRIMES**

**KANSAS CITY, Mo.** – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that three Kansas City residents were indicted by a federal grand jury today for conspiracy to distribute crack cocaine and illegal possession of firearms.

**Bobby Roberts**, 29, **Damon C. Shelby**, and **Ian J. Walker**, 23, all of Kansas City, Mo., were charged today in a four-count indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Kansas City.

Count One of the federal indictment alleges that all three defendants conspired to distribute and possess with an intent to distribute 50 grams or more of crack cocaine and more than five kilograms of cocaine from Oct. 1, 2002, until June 4, 2003.

Count Two of the federal indictment alleges that **Roberts**, **Shelby** and **Walker** possessed several firearms in furtherance of the drug-trafficking crime charged in Count One. The federal indictment alleges that the defendants possessed a Smith and Wesson .38 caliber revolver; two Glock .40 caliber semi-automatic pistols; a Sig Sauer; and a .40 caliber semi-automatic pistol from Oct. 1, 2002, to June 4, 2003, in Jackson County, Mo.

Counts Three and Four of the federal indictment allege that **Roberts** and **Shelby** were felons in possession of firearms during the time the defendants were in possession of the firearms. Under federal law, Graves said, it is illegal for any felon to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition. **Roberts** has four criminal felony convictions for possession of a controlled substance in 1998, possession of cocaine with intent to sell in 1992, felony auto theft in 1993, and possession of cocaine base with intent to sell in 1996. **Shelby** has two criminal felony convictions for sale of a controlled substance and first degree trafficking in 1994.

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 Charles E. Ambrose, Jr. It was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department.

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