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## **KC MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO COCAINE, FIREARMS VIOLATIONS**

**KANSAS CITY, Mo.** – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Kansas City man pleaded guilty in federal court today to possession with intent to distribute crack cocaine and illegal possession of firearms.

**John B. Roberts**, 22, of Kansas City, pleaded guilty before U.S. District Judge Gary A. Fenner this morning to possession with intent to distribute crack cocaine and illegal possession of a firearm.

By pleading guilty, **Roberts** admitted that he possessed with intent to distribute at least 50 grams of crack cocaine on Nov. 20, 2002, in Kansas City. He also admitted that he possessed an Olympic Arms .223 caliber semi-automatic rifle; a Desert Eagle .44 magnum semi-automatic handgun; and a Ruger 9 mm semi-automatic handgun during and in relation to a drug trafficking crime on Nov. 20, 2002.

**Roberts** was originally charged with the drug and firearm crimes in a criminal complaint filed in federal court on Nov. 22, 2002, in Kansas City. The criminal complaint was later replaced by an indictment returned by a federal grand jury on Dec. 5, 2002.

As a result of pleading guilty, **Roberts** may be subject to a maximum sentence of 40 years in federal prison without parole, plus a fine up to \$2 million. His sentence will be determined according to the United States Sentencing Guidelines. A sentencing hearing will be scheduled after the completion of a presentence investigation by the United States Probation Office.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Charles A. Ambrose. It was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

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