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THREE KC MEN INDICTED FOR FIREARMS VIOLATIONS

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that three Kansas City men were indicted by a federal grand jury today on separate and unrelated charges for being felons in possession of firearms or ammunition.

* **Donald F. Robinson**, 27, of Kansas City, Mo., was charged with one count of being a felon in possession of a firearm in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury meeting in Kansas City. Today's indictment replaces a federal criminal complaint filed on Jan. 15, 2003.

The federal indictment alleges that on Jan. 14, 2003, **Robinson** was in possession of a High Standard .357 caliber revolver. **Robinson** has 1995 criminal felony convictions for stealing a motor vehicle and receiving stolen property.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Bruce Clark. It is being investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms.

* Harmon E. Lawyer, 27, of Kansas City, Mo., was charged with one count of being a felon in possession of a firearm in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury meeting in Kansas City. Today's indictment replaces a federal criminal complaint filed on Jan. 10, 2003.

The federal indictment alleges that on Jan. 9, 2003, **Lawyer** was in possession of a Galesi .25 caliber handgun. **Lawyer** has 1994 criminal felony conviction for second degree robbery in Jackson County, Mo.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Linda Sybrant. It is being investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms.

* Phillip E. Boose, 21, of Kansas City, Mo., was charged with one count of being a felon

in possession of ammunition in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury meeting in Kansas City.

The federal indictment alleges that on Dec. 31, 2002, **Boose** was in possession of .32 caliber rounds of ammunition. **Boose** has three 2000 criminal felony convictions for sale of a controlled substance, possession of a controlled substance and trafficking.

This case is being prosecuted by Special Assistant U.S. Attorney Michael Hunt. It is being investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms.

Graves cautioned that the charges contained in these 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.

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