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PROJECT CEASEFIRE
KC FELON SENTENCED FOR ILLEGALLY POSSESSING FIREARM

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Kansas City man was sentenced in federal court today for being a felon in possession of firearm. Today's sentencing is part of Project Ceasefire, the district's ongoing anti-crime initiative.

Donald F. Robinson, 27, of Kansas City, Mo., was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Ortrie D. Smith this morning to nine years and two months in federal prison without parole for being a felon in possession of a firearm.

On March 7, 2003, **Robinson** pleaded guilty in federal court to being a felon in possession of a High Standard .357 caliber revolver on Jan. 14, 2003. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for any felon to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition. **Robinson** has two 1995 criminal felony convictions for stealing a motor vehicle, one 1995 criminal felony conviction for tampering and one 1995 criminal felony conviction for receiving stolen property.

Robinson was originally charged with being a felon in possession of a firearm in a criminal complaint filed on Jan. 15, 2003. **Robinson** was initially arrested for driving a stolen vehicle, Graves said. Law enforcement officers discovered the High Standard .357 revolver during a search of the vehicle.

The criminal complaint was later replaced with an indictment, which was returned by a federal grand jury on Jan. 21, 2003, in Kansas City.

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

Project Ceasefire

Project Ceasefire, launched in October 1999, is a cooperative initiative by federal and local law enforcement and the Kansas City Crime Commission that targets for federal prosecution persons who unlawfully use or possess firearms. Project Ceasefire has resulted in federal charges against 450 defendants, and convictions against 380 of those defendants, including 356 who pleaded guilty and 24 who were convicted at trial. A total of 334 of the 380 convicted defendants have been sentenced, and 46 currently await sentencing hearings.

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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