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UPDATE: PROJECT CEASEFIRE
**KC FELON SENTENCED TO 15 YEARS IN FEDERAL PRISON
FOR ILLEGAL POSSESSION OF FIREARM**

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Kansas City, Mo., man was sentenced in federal court today for violating a federal firearms law. The case marks additional progress under Project Ceasefire, the district's ongoing anti-crime initiative.

Willie R. Robinson, 22, of Kansas City, Mo., was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Howard F. Sachs this morning to 15 years in federal prison without parole.

On June 6, 2003, **Robinson** pleaded guilty to being a felon in possession of a firearm. By pleading guilty, **Robinson** admitted that he was in possession of a Lorcin 9 mm pistol on Oct. 21, 2002. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for anyone convicted of a felony to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition. **Robinson** has one 2001 criminal felony conviction for possession with intent to deliver a controlled substance and two 2001 criminal felony convictions for the sale of a controlled substance.

He was originally charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury on Nov. 20, 2002, in Kansas City.

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

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 persons who unlawfully use or possess firearms for federal prosecution.

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