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## **KC MAN SENTENCED FOR DEFRAUDING ROCKHURST UNIVERSITY**

**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 defrauding Rockhurst University by inflating invoices and billing the school for work that was not done.

**Marvin Rogers**, 56, of Kansas City, Mo., was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Dean Whipple this morning to five years of probation. The court also ordered **Rogers** to pay \$37,000 in restitution.

On Sept. 19, 2003, **Rogers** pleaded guilty to a federal information that charges him with wire fraud for devising a scheme to defraud Rockhurst University. Rockhurst is a Jesuit university at 1100 Rockhurst Road, Kansas City, Mo.

According to Graves, **Rogers** was the owner of Commercial & Industrial Coating. **Rogers** admitted that Commercial & Industrial Coating submitted invoices to Rockhurst University charging more than the value of the work performed, and charging Rockhurst for projects that were never performed. Those invoices, Graves explained, were sent from February 1996 to October 2000, at the direction of the former Director of Physical Plant for Rockhurst University, who is no longer employed by the school.

As part of the scheme to defraud Rockhurst, Graves said, **Rogers** paid the former director for his approval of the inflated and fictitious invoices.

By pleading guilty, **Rogers** admitted that he transmitted a facsimile invoice from Commercial & Industrial Coating to Rockhurst University on July 27, 2002. That invoice, Graves said, charged the school \$4,686 for work that was never performed by **Rogers'** company.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Paul S. Becker. It was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Internal Revenue Service-Criminal Investigation, the Department of Labor Inspector General, and the Defense Criminal Investigative Service.

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