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UPDATE: PROJECT CEASEFIRE
KC MAN SENTENCED 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 man was sentenced in federal court today for being a felon in possession of a firearm. The sentencing is part of Project Ceasefire, the district's ongoing anti-crime initiative.

Rahman A. Sallee, 27, of Kansas City, Mo., was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Howard F. Sachs this afternoon to five years and six months in federal prison without parole.

On May 15, 2003, **Sallee** pleaded guilty to being a felon in possession of a firearm. By pleading guilty, **Sallee** admitted that he was in possession of a Taurus 9 mm semi-automatic handgun on Oct. 26, 2002. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for any felon to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition. **Sallee** has criminal felony convictions for unlawful use of a weapon in 1995 and 1996.

Sallee was originally charged with being a felon in possession of a firearm in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury on March 5, 2003, in Kansas City.

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

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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