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KCK MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO POSSESSION WITH INTENT TO DISTRIBUTE 1,362 GRAMS OF METH

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Kansas City, Kan., man pleaded guilty in federal court today to conspiring to distribute 500 grams or more of methamphetamine.

Sylvestre Sepulveda, 30, of Kansas City, Kan., pleaded guilty before U.S. District Judge Scott O. Wright this morning to conspiring to distribute 500 grams or more of methamphetamine.

By pleading guilty, Graves said, **Sepulveda** admitted that on Oct. 17, 2002, he possessed with intent to distribute 1,362 grams of methamphetamine. **Sepulveda** also admitted to selling methamphetamine on eight prior occasions between April 17, 2002 and Sept. 30, 2002. During that period, Graves said, **Sepulveda** admitted selling a total of 1,339.04 grams of methamphetamine.

As a result of his guilty plea, **Sepulveda** is subject to a sentence ranging from 10 years to life in federal prison without parole. He also may be subject to a fine of up to \$4 million. The sentence will be determined according to the United States Sentencing Guidelines. A sentencing hearing will be scheduled sometime after the completion of a presentence investigation by the U.S. Probation Office.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Michael S. Oliver. The case was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department and the Drug Enforcement Administration.

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