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KC MAN SENTENCED FOR ILLEGAL 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 illegally possessing a firearm.

Charles H. Shirley, 25, of Kansas City, Mo., was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Fernando J. Gaitan, Jr., this morning to five years and four months in federal prison without parole.

On June 24, 2002, **Shirley** pleaded guilty to being a felon in possession of a firearm. By pleading guilty, Grave said, **Shirley** admitted that he was in possession of a Glock .40 caliber semi-automatic handgun on Feb. 27, 2002. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for anyone who has been convicted of a felony to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition. **Shirley** has a 1998 criminal felony conviction in Daviess County for possession of a controlled substance.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Gregg R. Coonrod. It was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department.

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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