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## **COLUMBIA RESIDENT SENTENCED FOR FIREARMS VIOLATION**

**JEFFERSON CITY, Mo.** – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Columbia, Mo., man was sentenced today for being a felon in possession of a firearm.

**Carlos Antoine Sims**, 26, was sentenced this afternoon by U.S. District Judge Scott O. Wright to four years and nine months in prison without parole.

On Oct. 4, 2002, **Sims** pleaded guilty to being a felon in possession of a firearm. He was indicted on the charge on May, 23, 2002. By pleading guilty, **Sims** admitted that he was in possession of a Hi-Point .38 caliber pistol on Oct. 19, 2001. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for a convicted felon to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition. **Sims** has three previous criminal felony convictions in Boone County, Mo., including a 1994 criminal felony conviction for unlawful use of a weapon, a 1996 criminal felony conviction for parole violation and a 2001 felony criminal conviction for delivery/manufacture of a controlled substance.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Jim Lynn. The case was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms and Boone County Sheriff's Department.

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