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## PROJECT CEASEFIRE

### **KC FELONS SENTENCED FOR ILLEGAL POSSESSION OF FIREARM**

**KANSAS CITY, Mo.** – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that two Kansas City, Mo., men were sentenced in federal court today for being felons in possession of firearms.

\* **Terrell E. Sutherlin**, 29, of Kansas City, Mo., was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Nanette K. Laughrey this afternoon to seven years and eight months in federal prison without parole.

On May 23, 2003, **Sutherlin** pleaded guilty to being a felon in possession of a firearm. By pleading guilty, he admitted that he was in possession of a Taurus .40 caliber pistol on March 6, 2003. 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. **Sutherlin** has a 1995 criminal felony conviction for possession of a controlled substance, a 1992 criminal felony conviction for auto theft and a 1992 criminal felony conviction for robbery.

**Sutherlin** was originally charged with being a felon in possession of a firearm in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury on March 11, 2003, in Kansas City.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Paul S. Becker. The case was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms.

\* **Ned V. Haywood**, 44, of Kansas City, Mo., was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Nanette K. Laughrey this afternoon to four years and three months in federal prison without parole.

On May 9, 2003, **Haywood** pleaded guilty to being a felon in possession of a firearm. By

pleading guilty, he admitted that he was in possession of a Colt .22 caliber revolver on March 14, 2003. 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. **Haywood** has two 1996 criminal felony convictions for endangering the welfare of a child and possession of a controlled substance, and a 1993 criminal felony conviction for burglary, all in Jackson County, Mo.

**Haywood** was originally charged with being a felon in possession of a firearm in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury on April 2, 2003, in Kansas City.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Rudolph R. Rhodes, IV. The case was 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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