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KC MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO POSSESSION, INTENT TO DISTRIBUTE OVER 250 GRAMS OF COCAINE

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Kansas City man pleaded guilty today in federal court to possession with intent to distribute 50 grams or more of cocaine.

David Eddie Taylor, 22, of Kansas City, Mo., pleaded guilty before U.S. District Judge Howard F. Sachs this afternoon to possession with intent to distribute 50 grams or more of crack cocaine. He was charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury on Feb. 25, 2003, in Kansas City.

By pleading guilty, **Taylor** admitted that he possessed over 250 grams of crack cocaine on Aug. 31, 2002. **Taylor** was arrested following a routine traffic stop that turned into a high-speed chase on U.S. Highway 50, near Lone Jack, Mo. **Taylor** was a passenger of the vehicle involved in the chase, which ended as the driver of the car lost control of the vehicle, which landed in a ditch. At that time, law enforcement officers discovered 10 bags of crack cocaine, weighing over 250, grams in **Taylor's** possession.

As a result of pleading guilty, **Taylor** faces from 10 years to life in federal prison without parole, plus a \$4 million fine. His sentence will be determined according to the United States Sentencing Guidelines. A sentencing hearing will be scheduled after the completion of a presentence investigation by the United States Probation Office.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney David Detar Newbert. It was investigated by the Jackson County, Mo., Drug Task Force and the Lone Jack, 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 www.usdoj.gov/usao/mow