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## **KC MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO POSSESSION, INTENT TO DISTRIBUTE CRACK COCAINE**

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

**Marcus W. Taylor**, 23, of Kansas City, Mo., pleaded guilty before U.S. District Judge Scott O. Wright this morning to possessing with intent to distribute crack cocaine.

By pleading guilty, **Taylor** admitted that he possessed 122.46 grams of crack cocaine on April 4, 2003, in the area of 59<sup>th</sup> Street and Swope Parkway in Kansas City. He admitted that he intended to distribute the mixture.

Under federal statutes, **Taylor** may be subject to a maximum sentence of up to life in federal prison without parole, plus a fine up to \$4 million. 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 Kathleen D. Mahoney. It was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department.

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