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COLUMBIA, MO., MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO DISTRIBUTING CRACK

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Columbia, Mo., man pleaded guilty in federal court today to distributing crack cocaine.

Bohannon Thompson, 27, of Columbia, Mo., pleaded guilty before U.S. District Judge Nanette K. Laughrey this morning to distributing crack cocaine in Columbia.

By pleading guilty, **Thompson** admitted that he distributed crack cocaine on Feb. 2, 2001, in Columbia. **Thompson** admitted that he sold 24.81 grams of crack cocaine for \$1,000.

As a result of pleading guilty, **Thompson** may be subject to a sentence of up to 40 years in federal prison without parole, plus a \$2 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 Special Assistant U.S. Attorney Doug Shull. The case was investigated by MUSTANG, a multi-jurisdictional law enforcement task force, and the Missouri State Highway Patrol.

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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