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KC MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO FIREARMS CHARGE

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 being a felon in possession of a firearm.

Myron J. Toombs, 22, of Kansas City, Mo., pleaded guilty before U.S. District Judge Gary A. Fenner this afternoon to being a felon in possession of a firearm.

By pleading guilty, **Toombs** admitted that on Oct. 1, 2002, he was in possession of a Bryco Arms 9 mm pistol. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for anyone convicted of a felony to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition. **Toombs** has a 2002 criminal felony conviction for sodomy.

As a result of his guilty plea, **Toombs** may be subject to a sentence of up to 10 years in federal prison without parole, plus a \$250,000 fine. His sentence will be determined according to the United States Sentencing Guidelines. A sentencing hearing will be scheduled after the completion of presentence investigation by the U.S. Probation Office.

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

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. Project Ceasefire has resulted in federal charges against 432 defendants, and convictions against 362 of those defendants, including 339 who pleaded guilty and 23 who were convicted at trial. A total of 319 of the 362 convicted defendants have been sentenced, and 43 currently await sentencing hearings.

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