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## **THREE DEFENDANTS SENTENCED IN COCAINE CONSPIRACY**

**KANSAS CITY, Mo.** – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced today that three defendants have been sentenced in federal court for their role in a conspiracy to distribute crack and powder cocaine.

**Jason L. Tuberville**, 32, and **Robert Martin**, 32, both of Kansas City, Mo., were sentenced by U.S. District Judge Nanette K. Laughrey on April 24, 2003, to 10 years, 11 months in federal prison without parole.

**Jose Alvarado Contreras**, 33, of Kansas City, Kan., was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Nanette K. Laughrey on April 24, 2003, to six years and six months in federal prison without parole.

On Jan. 2, 2003, both **Tuberville** and **Martin** pleaded guilty to conspiracy to distribute 50 grams or more of crack cocaine from January 1999 to June 27, 2002.

**Tuberville** and **Martin** were among seven co-defendants indicted by a federal grand jury on July 10, 2002.

**Veronica Elisabeth Moreno**, 29, of Long Beach, Calif., was sentenced on April 23, 2003, to two years and 11 months in federal prison without parole. She earlier pleaded guilty to her role in a conspiracy to distribute five kilograms or more of cocaine from January 1999 to June 27, 2002.

**Lynn E. Haynes**, 30; **Lencorya T. Grady**, 28, and **Carlos M. Nelson, Jr.**, 20, all of Kansas City, Mo., have pleaded guilty and await sentencing.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Lajuana M. Counts and Assistant U.S. Attorney Jeffrey Valenti. It was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department, the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

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