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UPDATE: PROJECT CEASEFIRE
KC MAN SENTENCED FOR ILLEGAL POSSESSION OF FIREARM

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Kansas City man was sentenced in federal court today for being a felon in possession of a firearm. The sentencing is part of Project Ceasefire, the district's ongoing anti-crime initiative.

Marcus T. Walker, 43, of Kansas City, Mo., was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Fernando J. Gaitan, Jr., this morning to two years and six months in federal prison without parole.

On Sept. 16, 2003, Walker pleaded guilty to being a felon in possession of a firearm. By pleading guilty, **Walker** admitted that he was in possession of a Burgo .38 caliber Derringer on Aug. 14, 2003. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for anyone who has been convicted of a felony to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition. **Walker** has two criminal felony convictions for robbery in 1982 and domestic assault in 2002.

Walker was originally charged with being a felon in possession of a firearm in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury on Aug. 21, 2003, in Kansas City.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Bruce E. Clark. 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.

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