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NITRO UPDATE

ST. JOSEPH MAN SENTENCED FOR VIOLATING FEDERAL FIREARM LAW

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a St. Joseph man was sentenced in federal court today for being a felon in possession of a firearm. Graves said the case is a result of the work of the NITRO task force.

Robert White, 56, of St. Joseph, was sentenced by U.S. District Chief Judge Dean Whipple this morning to three years and one month in federal prison without parole.

On May 7, 2003, **White** pleaded guilty to being a felon in possession of a firearm. By pleading guilty, he admitted that he was in possession of a Davis Industries .38 caliber pistol on Nov. 6, 2001. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for any felon to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition. **White** has a 1982 criminal felony conviction for unlawful use of a weapon.

White was originally charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury on March 5, 2003, in Kansas City.

The case was being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Paul S. Becker. The case was investigated by NITRO, the Northwest Missouri Team Response Operation. NITRO is a joint law enforcement effort by the United States Attorney's Office and federal, state and local law enforcement agencies in the 16-county northwest Missouri region.

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