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FEDERAL JURY CONVICTS KC COCAINE DEALER

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Kansas City man was convicted by a federal jury on April 29, 2003, for his role in a conspiracy to distribute 500 grams or more of cocaine.

Dameon D. Williams, 31, of Kansas City, Mo., was found guilty at 4:30 p.m., of one count of possession with intent to distribute 500 grams or more of cocaine on Nov. 26, 2002.

Following **Williams** trial, a U.S. District Court jury in Kansas City deliberated briefly before returning the guilty verdict to U.S. District Judge Howard F. Sachs, ending a trial that began April 28, 2003.

Graves explained that, upon obtaining a search warrant, law enforcement officers determined that **Williams** was in possession of approximately one kilogram of cocaine. The investigation into **Williams'** drug activity began in November 2002.

At that time, law enforcement officers observed **Williams** leave his residence carrying a trash bag, enter his vehicle and drive one block to another residence where he discarded the trash bag. **Williams** then returned to his residence, located at 7218 Olive St.

Law enforcement officers collected and searched the abandoned trash, which contained discarded kilogram wrappers and other plastic bags with powder residue. The residue tested positive for cocaine.

On Nov. 26, 2002, **Williams** left his residence in a silver Crown Victoria. Law enforcement officers stopped the vehicle and detained **Williams**. Shortly afterward, law enforcement officers searched **Williams**' home and seized 929 grams of cocaine from the residence.

As a result of his conviction April 29, 2003, Williams could be subject to a sentence up

to 40 years in federal prison without parole, plus a fine of up to \$2 million. The 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 U.S. Probation Office.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Michael S. Oliver. It was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo. Police Department.

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