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UPDATE: PROJECT CEASEFIRE
**ONE KC FELON SENTENCED, ANOTHER PLEADS GUILTY TO
VIOLATING FEDERAL GUN LAW**

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that one Kansas City, Mo., man was sentenced and another pleaded guilty in federal court on separate and unrelated charges for violating federal firearms laws. The two cases mark the progress of prosecutions launched under Project Ceasefire, the district's ongoing anti-crime initiative.

***Travis M. Williams**, 30, of Kansas City, Mo., was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Ortrie D. Smith on Feb. 20, 2003, to seven years in federal prison without parole.

On Nov. 19, 2002, **Williams** pleaded guilty to an indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Kansas City on Sept. 10, 2002. **Williams** admitted that on Aug. 18, 2002, he was in possession of a Star .45 caliber handgun. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for anyone convicted of a felony to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition. **Williams** has a 1993 criminal felony conviction for distribution of a controlled substance and a 2001 criminal felony conviction for third degree assault.

This case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Linda L. Sybrant. It was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms.

***Donald F. Robinson**, 27, of Kansas City, Mo., pleaded guilty before U.S. District Judge Ortrie D. Smith on Feb. 20, 2003 to being a felon in possession of a firearm.

Robinson pleaded guilty to an indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Kansas City on Jan. 21, 2003. **Robinson** admitted that on Jan. 14, 2003, he was in possession of a High Standard .357 caliber revolver. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for anyone convicted of a felony to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition. **Robinson** has two 1995

criminal felony convictions for stealing a motor vehicle, one criminal felony conviction for tampering and one criminal felony conviction for receiving stolen property.

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 and Firearms.

Project Ceasefire

Project Ceasefire, launched in October 1999, is a cooperative initiative by federal and local law enforcement that targets persons who unlawfully use or possess firearms for federal prosecution. Project Ceasefire has resulted in federal charges against 380 defendants, and convictions against 331 of those defendants, including 308 who pleaded guilty and 23 who were convicted at trial. A total of 279 of the 330 convicted defendants have been sentenced, and 51 currently await sentencing hearings.

This news release, as well as additional information about the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, is available on-line at
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