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FEDERAL JURY CONVICTS DRUG DEALER FOR DISTRIBUTING CRACK COCAINE

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced today that a Kansas City man has been convicted by a federal jury for distributing crack cocaine in Kansas City.

David L. Willoughby, 31, of Kansas City, Mo., was found guilty on June 24, 2003, of distributing crack cocaine on June 25, 2002.

Following **Willoughby's** trial, Graves said, the federal jury deliberated about two hours before returning the guilty verdict to U.S. District Chief Judge Dean Whipple, ending a trial that began June 23, 2003.

Graves explained that **Willoughby** sold 27 grams of crack cocaine to a confidential informant on June 25, 2002. Law enforcement officers monitored the drug transaction. The crack cocaine was sold for \$750. After the transaction was complete, law enforcement officers arrested **Willoughby** and executed a search warrant on his residence, located at 11407 Crystal.

Willoughby was originally charged in a two-count indictment returned by a federal grand jury on Oct. 15, 2002. He was found not guilty of the first count of that indictment, which alleged that he distributed crack cocaine previously on June 17, 2002, in Kansas City.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Charles E. Ambrose and Assistant U.S. Attorney Candace R. Cole. It was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department.

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