



NEWS RELEASE

OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY
WESTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI

TODD P. GRAVES

Contact Don Ledford, Public Affairs • (816) 426-4220 • 400 East Ninth Street, Room 5510 • Kansas City, MO 64106

www.usdoj.gov/usao/mow

JULY 8, 2003

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

KC MAN INDICTED FOR STEALING CREDIT UNION'S ATM, \$164,473

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Kansas City, Mo., man was indicted by a federal grand jury today for stealing \$164,473 from a Kansas City credit union.

James A. Yokum, 33, of Kansas City, Mo., was charged in a federal indictment returned today by a federal grand jury meeting in Kansas City. The federal indictment alleges that **Yokum** attempted to commit felony larceny on Sept. 13, 2002, by stealing a cash dispenser from United Consumers Credit Union, located at 551 Cambridge in Kansas City. The cash dispenser contained approximately \$164,473.

Yokum was originally charged with the burglary in a criminal complaint filed on June 13, 2003, in Kansas City. According to an affidavit filed in support of the criminal complaint, **Yokum** committed the burglary with three other individuals. The affidavit alleges that the four individuals communicated with two-way radios during the burglary and that they removed the credit union's video surveillance tapes during the burglary.

In preparation of the burglary, the complaint alleges, **Yokum** and the other individuals involved in the burglary stole a dolly to carry the safe and a white Budget van to transport the safe. The van was abandoned near Interstate 435 following the burglary. It was later discovered and contained the dolly and the cash dispenser, Graves said.

Yokum received approximately \$40,000 for his participation in the burglary, according to the affidavit.

Graves cautioned that the charges contained in the indictment are simply accusations, and not evidence of guilt. Evidence supporting the charges must be presented to a federal trial jury, whose duty is to determine guilt or innocence.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney K. Michael Warner. It was

investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department.

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
www.usdoj.gov/usao/mow