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ST. JOSEPH MAN SENTENCED FOR POSSESSION OF MACHINE GUN, GRENADE

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 illegally possessing a machine gun, a grenade and a silencer.

Billy D. Hill, 50, of St. Joseph, Mo., was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Nanette K. Laughrey this morning to four years and nine months in federal prison without parole.

On Dec. 6, 2002, **Hill** pleaded guilty to being in possession of a Sten style machine gun, a silencer not registered to him in the National Firearms Registration and Transfer Record, and a fragmentation style grenade not registered to him in the National Firearms Registration and Transfer Record

The case was being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney David M. Ketchmark. It was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms and the Buchanan County Drug Strike Force.

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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