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UPDATE: PROJECT CEASEFIRE
KC FELON SENTENCED TO MAXIMUM 10 YEARS
IN PRISON FOR POSSESSING FIREARM

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Kansas City, Mo., man was sentenced in federal court today for violating a federal firearms law. The case marks additional progress under Project Ceasefire, the district's ongoing anti-crime initiative.

John Jeffrey Davis, 42, of Kansas City, Mo., was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Scott O. Wright this morning to 10 years in federal prison without parole, which Graves said was the maximum sentence provided under federal guidelines. The judge increased **Davis'** sentence because he used a gun in commission of a car-jacking on Jan. 18, 2003, Graves said. He is being prosecuted at the state level for the car-jacking.

On March 3, 2003, **Davis** pleaded guilty to an indictment returned by a federal grand jury on Feb. 3, 2003, in Kansas City. By pleading guilty, **Davis** admitted that on Jan. 28, 2003, he was in possession of a Llama .25 caliber semi-automatic pistol. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for anyone convicted of a felony to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition. **Davis** has three 1990 criminal felony convictions for distribution of a controlled substance, armed bank robbery and use of a weapon during a crime of violence.

This case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Bruce E. Clark. It was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department, the United States Marshal's Service and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

Project Ceasefire

Project Ceasefire, launched in October 1999, is a cooperative initiative by federal and local law enforcement and the Kansas City Crime Commission that targets persons who unlawfully use or possess firearms for federal prosecution. Project Ceasefire has resulted in

federal charges against 432 defendants, and convictions against 362 of those defendants, including 339 who pleaded guilty and 23 who were convicted at trial. A total of 319 of the 362 convicted defendants have been sentenced, and 43 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 www.usdoj.gov/usao/mow

