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ALLEGED DRUG USER INDICTED FOR ILLEGAL POSSESSION OF FIREARM

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that an Independence, Mo., woman has been indicted by a federal grand jury for being a drug user in possession of a firearm.

Lisa Caffey, 35, of Indepedence, Mo., was indicted by a federal grand jury in Kansas City for being an unlawful user of a controlled substance in possession of a firearm.

The federal indictment alleges that **Caffey** was in possession of a Rossi .357 revolver on May 19, 2003. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for anyone who is an unlawful user of a controlled substance to possess a firearm.

Today's indictment replaces a federal criminal complaint filed on May 20, 2003, in Kansas City. According to an affidavit filed in support of the complaint, law enforcement officers discovered the firearm while conducting a search of **Caffey's** home for methamphetamine.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney David A. Barnes. It was investigated by the Independence, Mo., Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

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

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