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INDEPENDENCE MAN SENTENCED FOR POSSESSING 22 FIREARMS DURING TERM OF RESTRAINING ORDER

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that an Independence, Mo., man was sentenced in federal court today for possessing a firearm during the term of a restraining order.

David B. Harrington, 44, of Independence, Mo., was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Gary A. Fenner this afternoon to four years and three months in federal prison without parole.

On Aug. 12, 2002, **Harrington** pleaded guilty to being in possession of a firearm while subject to a court order restraining him from harassing, stalking or threatening his spouse. By pleading guilty, **Harrington** admitted that he possessed a Beretta 9 mm semi-automatic pistol on May 21, 2002. Under federal law, Graves said, any person subject to a restraining order is prohibited from possessing any firearm.

Harrington was charged with illegal possession of a firearm in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury on July 12, 2002, in Kansas City. He was originally charged in a criminal complaint filed in federal court on May 30, 2002. According to an affidavit filed in support of the criminal complaint, **Harrington** was found in possession of a total of 22 firearms the day law enforcement officers executed a state search warrant on his residence, which is located at 3004 S. Seminole, in Independence.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Rudolph R. Rhodes, IV. The case was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and the Independence, 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

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