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KC FELON SENTENCED FOR POSSESSING STOLEN FIREARM IN CONNECTION WITH DISTRIBUTION OF METH

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 being a felon in possession of a firearm.

Christopher M. Graham, 28, of Kansas City, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Ortrie D. Smith this morning to seven years and six months in federal prison without parole.

On Sept. 16, 2004, **Graham** pleaded guilty to being a felon in possession of a firearm. By pleading guilty, **Graham** admitted that he was in possession of a Mossberg 410-gauge sawed-off shotgun and a .357-caliber revolver on Jan. 12, 2004. Law enforcement officers located the firearms and various ammunition during various related searches. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for any felon to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition. **Graham** has a 1995 Jackson County, Mo., criminal felony conviction for assault and armed criminal action.

After obtaining the firearms, law enforcement officer determined that the shotgun had been reported stolen in connection to a residential burglary. **Graham** also admitted that he possessed the firearms in connection with the distribution of methamphetamine, Graves said.

Graham was originally charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury on April 7, 2004, in Kansas City.

This case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Michael S. Oliver. It was investigated by the Jackson County, Mo., Drug Task Force and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

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