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UPDATE: PROJECT CEASEFIRE
KC MAN SENTENCED FOR ILLEGAL FIREARMS

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 five firearms.

Sean A. Winston, 28, of Kansas City, Mo., was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Fernando J. Gaitan, Jr., this morning to five years in federal prison without parole.

On Sept. 17, 2004, **Winston** pleaded guilty to being a felon in possession of several firearms. By pleading guilty, **Winston** admitted he was in possession of a Ruger 9 mm semi-automatic pistol, a Ruger .40-caliber semi-automatic pistol, a Smith and Wesson .40-caliber pistol, a Beretta 9 mm semi-automatic pistol and a Smith and Wesson .44-caliber revolver on Feb. 23, 2004. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for any felon to be in possession of a firearm or ammunition. **Winston** has a 1996 criminal felony conviction for conspiracy to distribute 50 grams or more of crack cocaine.

This case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Jess E. Michaelsen. It was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department 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 for federal prosecution persons who unlawfully use or possess firearms.

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