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KC MAN SENTENCED FOR POSSESSION 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 illegally possessing methamphetamine.

Nicholas G. Perez, 21, of Kansas City, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Fernando J. Gaitan, Jr., this morning to 10 years and one month in federal prison without parole. The court also ordered **Perez** to forfeit to the government \$9,050 in proceeds derived from illegal drug trafficking, which was recovered from his residence.

On Nov. 8, 2004, **Perez** pleaded guilty to being in possession of methamphetamine. **Perez** admitted that he was in possession of 57 grams of pure methamphetamine on Sept. 22, 2004. **Perez** also admitted that he was in possession of a loaded Norinco MAK assault rifle and a Mossburg 12-gauge pump-action shotgun.

Perez was originally indicted by a federal grand jury on Oct. 7, 2004.

This case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney David DeTar Newbert. It was investigated by the Clay County Drug Task Force and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

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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