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UPDATE: PROJECT CEASEFIRE
KC WOMAN SENTENCED FOR ILLEGAL POSSESSION OF FIREARM

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Kansas City woman was sentenced in federal court today for illegally possessing a firearm. Today's sentencing, Graves said, is part of Project Ceasefire, the district's ongoing anti-crime initiative.

Isabella D. Jones, 42, of Kansas City, Mo., was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Howard F. Sachs this morning to three years in federal prison without parole.

On Oct. 19, 2004, **Jones** pleaded guilty to being a felon in possession of a firearm. By pleading guilty, **Jones** admitted that she was in possession of a Dan Wesson Arms .357-caliber revolver on May 18, 2004. Under federal statutes, Graves explained, it is illegal for any felon to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition. **Jones** has a 1995 criminal felony conviction for distribution of a controlled substance and a 1992 criminal felony conviction for tampering.

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

This case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Bruce E. Clark. It was investigated by the Lee's Summit, 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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