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COLUMBIA METH USER SENTENCED FOR ILLEGAL POSSESSION OF FIREARM

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Columbia, Mo., man was sentenced in federal court today for being an illegal user of methamphetamine while in possession of a firearm.

Travis Jay Hall, 25, of Columbia, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Scott O. Wright this morning to one year and nine months in federal prison without parole.

On Aug. 16, 2004, **Hall** pleaded guilty to the charge contained in an April 9, 2004, federal indictment. **Hall** admitted that he was an unlawful user of a controlled substance while also in possession of a loaded Smith and Wesson 9 mm pistol on Sept. 3, 2003, in Boone County, Mo. **Hall** admitted that he was an unlawful user of methamphetamine when he possessed the firearm.

This case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Jim Lynn. It was investigated by the Columbia, Mo., Police Department, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and the Missouri State Highway Patrol.

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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