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UPDATE: PROJECT CEASEFIRE
TWO FELONS SENTENCED
FOR ILLEGAL POSSESSION OF FIREARM

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that two felons were sentenced in federal court today, in separate and unrelated cases, for illegally possessing firearms. Today's sentencings, Graves said, mark additional progress under Project Ceasefire, the district's ongoing anti-crime initiative.

* **Torrance Evans**, 34, of Kansas City, Mo., was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Howard F. Sachs this morning to five years and 10 months in federal prison without parole.

On Oct. 22, 2003, **Evans** pleaded guilty to being a felon in possession of a firearm. By pleading guilty, **Evans** admitted that he was in possession of a Sig Sauer .40 caliber semi-automatic pistol on Aug. 28, 2003. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for any felon to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition. **Evans** has a 1992 criminal felony conviction for involuntary manslaughter and a 1992 criminal felony conviction for tampering.

Evans was originally charged with being a felon in possession of a firearm in a criminal complaint filed in federal court on Aug. 28, 2003, in Kansas City. The criminal complaint was later replaced by an indictment, which was returned by a federal grand jury on Sept. 10, 2003, in Kansas City.

Evans was initially arrested after law enforcement officers received a report of shots being fired at a Kansas City residence on Aug. 28, 2003, in the 7000 block of West 112th Street in Kansas City.

This case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Rudolph R. Rhodes, IV. It was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

* **Gina Good**, 34, of Sedalia, Mo., was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Gary A. Fenner this afternoon to eight months in federal prison without parole.

On June 13, 2003, **Good** pleaded guilty to being a felon in possession of two firearms. By pleading guilty, **Good** admitted that she was in possession of a Bryco .38 caliber pistol and a Smith and Wesson .357 caliber revolver on June 7, 2002. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for any felon to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition. **Good** has a 1994 criminal felony conviction for burglary and a 1994 criminal felony conviction for possession of a completed check with intent to defraud.

Good was originally charged with being a felon in possession of a firearm in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury on Jan. 28, 2003, in Kansas City.

This case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Rudolph R. Rhodes, IV. It was investigated by the Pettis County, Mo., Sheriff's Department, the Kansas City Metro Meth Task Force 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.

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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