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KC FELON INDICTED 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, Mo., man was indicted by a federal grand jury today for being a felon in possession of a firearm.

Christopher M. Graham, 27, of Kansas City, was charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Kansas City.

The federal indictment alleges that **Graham** was in possession of a Mossberg .410 bore shotgun between Jan. 1, 2004, and Jan. 12, 2004. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for any felon to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition. **Graham** has a 1995 Jackson County, Mo., criminal felony conviction for assault and armed criminal action.

Graves cautioned that the charge contained in the indictment is simply an accusation, and not evidence of guilt. Evidence supporting the charge must be presented to a federal trial jury, whose duty is to determine guilt or innocence.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Michael S. Oliver. It was investigated by the Jackson County, Mo., 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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