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GUN CHARGE SENDS MAN TO FEDERAL PRISON AFTER SHOOTING DOG

KANSAS CITY, KAN. – United States Attorney Eric Melgren announced that **Gregory T. Sims**, 45, Kansas City, Kan., was sentenced Oct. 4, 2004, by U.S. District Judge Carlos Murguia. Sims was sentenced to **77 months in prison, without parole, followed by three years of supervised release. He also must pay \$228 restitution to the owners of a dog he shot.**

Sims entered a guilty plea July 19, 2004, to one count of being a felon in possession of a firearm. In his plea, Sims admitted that while police were investigating the shooting of a dog they found Sims in possession of a .22 caliber Winchester, Model 9422 STR. Sims was prohibited from possessing a firearm because of prior convictions on crimes including armed robbery, manslaughter and possession of a firearm following a felony conviction.

The fact that Sims shot a dog is not legally relevant to the charge or the sentence. His crime was possessing a firearm while it was unlawful for him to have one.

Melgren commended the work of the Kansas City, Kan., Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives in the investigation, and Assistant U.S. Attorney Terra Morehead, who prosecuted the case..