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TOPEKA MAN WHO FLED POLICE SENTENCED ON FEDERAL GUN CHARGE

TOPEKA, KAN. – **Christopher James McMillon**, 22, Topeka, Kan., was sentenced Oct. 13, 2004 by U.S. District Judge Sam A. Crow to **18 months in prison, followed by two years of supervised release**, United States Attorney Eric Melgren announced today. McMillon entered a guilty plea June 6, 2004 to a charge of being a felon in possession of a firearm.

McMillon was arrested Jan. 26, 2004 after a police chase that started when officers responded to a report of a drive-by shooting and tried to stop the car in which he was riding. Evidence presented at a detention hearing in the matter showed that when the car didn't stop, police chased the vehicle from near Interstate 70 and Gage to the 500 block of S.W. Gage Court. During the chase, McMillon fled on foot. He finally was arrested in the Hayden High School parking lot. A canine officer from the Topeka Police Department followed footprints in the snow from where McMillon jumped out of the car to where he was arrested. Nearby, officers found three handguns that had been thrown into a dog kennel behind a house.

In his plea agreement, McMillon admitted that he illegally possessed one or all of the weapons including a Springfield, Inc., Model XD-40, .40 caliber pistol; a Sturm, Ruger and Co., Inc., Model Police Service Six, .357 caliber revolver and a Taurus, Model 82, .38 caliber revolver. In his plea, McMillon also admitted that at the time of his arrest he was prohibited from possessing a firearm because he had a previous felony conviction. On Jan. 9, 2003 McMillon had been convicted in Shawnee County District Court of criminal possession of a firearm.

Melgren commended the work of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and the Topeka Police Department, both of which investigated the case, and Assistant U.S. Attorney Greg Hough, who prosecuted the case.