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UPDATE: PROJECT CEASEFIRE
KC MAN SENTENCED FOR ILLEGAL FIREARM

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Kansas City, Mo., man with three previous criminal felony convictions was sentenced in federal court today for illegally possessing a firearm.

Donald L. Hall, III, 21, of Kansas City, Mo., was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Howard F. Sachs this morning to three years and 10 months in federal prison without parole for being a felon in possession of a firearm.

On Sept. 8, 2004, **Hall** pleaded guilty to being a felon in possession of a firearm. By pleading guilty, **Hall** admitted that he was in possession of a Taurus .38-caliber Special on March 16, 2004. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for any felon to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition. **Hall** has a 2001 criminal felony conviction for burglary and two 2001 criminal felony convictions for stealing.

Hall was originally charged in a criminal complaint filed in federal court on March 16, 2004, in Kansas City. The criminal complaint was later replaced by an indictment returned by a federal grand jury on April 6, 2003, in Kansas City.

This case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Bruce E. Clark. It was investigated by the Independence, Mo., Police Department 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.

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