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UPDATE: PROJECT CEASEFIRE
KC FELON SENTENCED 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 sentenced in federal court today for illegally possessing a firearm. Today's sentencing, Graves said, marks additional progress under Project Ceasefire, the district's ongoing anti-crime initiative.

Joshua Walker, 28, of Kansas City, Mo., was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Gary A. Fenner this afternoon to four years and eight months in federal prison without parole.

On March 4, 2004, **Walker** pleaded guilty to being a felon in possession of a firearm. By pleading guilty, **Walker** admitted that he was in possession of a Charter Arms Bulldog .44-caliber revolver on Dec. 7, 2003. Under federal statutes, Graves explained, it is illegal for any felon to be in possession of a firearm or ammunition. **Walker** has six criminal felony convictions for tampering and stealing from 1992, 1993, 1994 and 1998.

Walker was originally charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury on Dec. 17, 2003, in Kansas City.

This case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Jess E. Michaelsen. The case was investigated by the Kansas City, 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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