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GRANDVIEW FELON SENTENCED FOR ILLEGAL FIREARMS

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Grandview, Mo., man was sentenced in federal court today for being a felon in possession of two firearms. The sentencing, Graves said, is part of Project Ceasefire, the district's ongoing anti-crime initiative.

Darcey A. Harper, 48, of Grandview, Mo., was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Howard F. Sachs this morning to three years and four months in federal prison without parole.

On April 15, 2005, **Harper** pleaded guilty to being a felon in possession of a rifle and a pistol. By pleading guilty, **Harper** admitted that he was in possession of an Iver Johnson .30-caliber carbine rifle and a Titan .25-caliber pistol on Jan. 22, 2004. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for any felon to be in possession of a firearm or ammunition. **Harper** has a 1995 criminal felony conviction for possession of a controlled substance and a 1989 criminal felony conviction for inflicting corporal punishment.

Harper was originally charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury on Jan. 27, 2004, in Kansas City.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Bruce E. Clark. It was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

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