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## **ST. LOUIS CIRCUIT ATTORNEY AND UNITED STATES ATTORNEY REPORT WEEKLY RESULTS OF ST. LOUIS REGIONAL CEASEFIRE INITIATIVE**

St. Louis, Missouri: The following represents the prosecution activities under the St. Louis Regional Ceasefire Initiative, a component of the Bush Administration's Project Safe Neighborhoods Program, United States Attorney James G. Martin and St. Louis Circuit Attorney Jennifer Joyce announced today.

These cases are the result of the collaborative efforts of federal and local law enforcement including the U.S. Attorney's Office, the St. Louis City Circuit Attorney's Office, the St. Louis County Prosecutor's Office, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), the U.S. Marshal's Service, the Drug Enforcement Administration, the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department and the St. Louis County Police Department.

This week's results of Project Safe Neighborhood/Ceasefire are as follows:

### **ST. LOUIS CIRCUIT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE:**

Kendrick Askew, 25, of the 4200 block of Maffitt pled guilty to one count of murder second degree, two counts of assault first degree and three counts of armed criminal action on March 14, 2005. On April 8, 2005, Askew will be sentenced to serve twenty years in the Missouri Department of Corrections. The charges arose out of an incident that occurred on December 19, 1997 in the 3700 block of Penrose.

### **UNITED STATES ATTORNEY'S OFFICE**

MARTIN SHELTON, JR. 26, of the 5600 block of Miller, Place, St. Louis, 63136, was sentenced to 80 months in prison one felony count of being a previously convicted felon in possession of a firearm and one felony count of possession with intent to distribute crack cocaine

JEROME LEWIS, 27, of the 4400 block of Red Bud, St. Louis, 63115, was sentenced to 36 months in prison on one felony count of being a previously convicted felon in possession of a firearm.

ALAN MAYWEATHER, 38, of the 4700 block of Highland, 63113, was sentenced to 84 months in prison on one felony count of being a felon in possession of a firearm.

KEVIN PETTY, 27, of the 4200 block of Obear, St. Louis, pleaded guilty to one felony count of being a previously convicted felon in possession of a firearm. Petty now faces a maximum penalty of ten years in prison and/or a fine of \$250,000. Sentencing has been set for June 10, 2005.