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**UNITED STATES ATTORNEY REPORTS 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 Catherine L. Hanaway 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:

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VINSON GRIFFIN, 25, St. Louis, was sentenced to 90 months prison on one felony count of possession of a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime and one felony count of being a previously convicted felon in possession of a firearm.

ELIJAH BOYKINS, 27, Pine Lawn, was sentenced to 77 months prison on one felony count of being a felon in possession of a firearm.

BRALAND NORMAN, 22, St. Louis, 63115, was sentenced to 60 months prison on one felony count of being a felon in possession of a firearm.

JERRAIL WEST, 22, Ferguson, was sentenced to 46 months prison on one felony count of being a previously convicted felon in possession of a firearm.

JERRY WAYNE TAYLOR, 51, St. Louis, 63130, was sentenced to 57 months prison on one felony count of being a previously convicted felon in possession of a firearm.

STEVEN LAWSON, 43, St. Louis, 63136, was sentenced to 30 months prison on one felony count of being a previously convicted felon in possession of a firearm.