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ARMED ROBBER DRAWS 40-PLUS YEARS IN FEDERAL PRISON

WICHITA, Kan. – United States Attorney Eric Melgren announced that **Larry Rucker**, 35, Kansas City, Kan., was sentenced today to 509 months in federal prison after being convicted on charges arising from two armed robberies last year in Kansas City, Kan. He was sentenced during a hearing before U.S. D

A jury on April 7, 2005, found Rucker guilty on five counts in connection with armed robberies that occurred Oct. 26, 2004, at the KC Quick Pick convenience store, 400 N. 10th, Kansas City, Kan., and Bargains to the Max thrift store, 1505 Minnesota Ave., Kansas City, Kan. Evidence presented at trial showed Rucker committed both robberies. A video camera recorded the first robbery, which occurred when the KC Quick Pick opened for business at about 6 a.m.

Rucker was arrested shortly after the second robbery when the manager of Bargains to the Max reported a robbery around noon and police converged on the area to look for the robber. Police recovered money from the second robbery and a firearm when they arrested Rucker.

Counts on which Rucker was convicted include robbery, brandishing a firearm during a crime of violence, and unlawful possession of a firearm after being convicted of a felony. Rucker was convicted in 1997 on a charge of attempted burglary and in 2001 on another charge of attempted burglary. Both cases were filed in the District Court of Wyandotte County, Kan.

Melgren commended the work of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, which investigated the case, and Assistant U.S. Attorney Terra Morehead, who prosecuted.

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