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**MORE BID RIGGING CHARGES FILED IN CONNECTION
WITH A KANSAS CITY SHOPPING CENTER RENOVATION**

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- A Missouri company and its two top officers were charged today with conspiring to rig bids on construction work for a \$33 million Kansas City shopping center, according to the Department of Justice's Antitrust Division.

To date, the Division's ongoing investigation has resulted in charges against seven individuals and two companies.

The company and one of its officers also was charged with conspiring to commit mail fraud for requesting and receiving money from a contractor awarded a construction contract at the shopping center. That same officer was charged with mail fraud and making false declarations before a grand jury in Kansas City, Kansas.

A federal grand jury in Kansas City, Kansas, indicted Woodrow W. Bennett for conspiring with others from August 1989 until October 1991 to rig bids on demolition and concrete contracts on the Ward Parkway Shopping Center renovation project in Kansas City, Missouri. Woodrow W. Bennett is the owner and chairman of

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