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## **THREE KC MEN INDICTED IN CONSPIRACY TO MANUFACTURE, DISTRIBUTE CRACK COCAINE**

**KANSAS CITY, Mo.** – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that three Kansas City, Mo., men were indicted by a federal grand jury today for conspiring to manufacture and distribute crack cocaine.

**Augustus B. Pruitt**, 26, **Cartez A. Garlington**, 31, and **Carl D. Taylor**, 24, all of Kansas City, were charged in a 10-count indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Kansas City.

Count One of the federal indictment alleges that **Pruitt**, **Garlington** and **Taylor** conspired to manufacture and distribute 50 grams or more of crack cocaine between March 4, 2004, and April 12, 2004.

Count Two of the federal indictment alleges that **Pruitt** distributed five grams or more of crack cocaine on March 8, 2004.

Count Three of the federal indictment alleges that **Pruitt** distributed crack cocaine on March 15, 2004.

Counts Four, Five and Six of the federal indictment allege that **Pruitt** again distributed five grams or more of crack cocaine on March 22, March 29, and April 5, 2004.

Count Seven of the federal indictment alleges that **Garlington** possessed with intent to distribute five grams or more of crack cocaine on April 7, 2004.

Count Eight of the federal indictment alleges that **Taylor** possessed with intent to distribute 50 grams or more of crack cocaine on April 7, 2004.

Count Nine of the federal indictment alleges that **Pruitt** possessed with intent to distribute five grams or more of crack cocaine on April 12, 2004.

Count Ten of the federal indictment is a forfeiture count, which would require the co-defendants to forfeit any proceeds derived as a result of the narcotics violations. The forfeiture would include approximately \$1,445 seized from **Taylor** at the time of his arrest in Kansas City.

Graves cautioned that the charges contained in the indictment are simply accusations, and not evidence of guilt. Evidence supporting the charges must be presented to a federal trial jury, whose duty is to determine guilt or innocence.

The case is being prosecuted by Special Assistant U.S. Attorney Matthew P. Wolesky. It was investigated by the Jackson County, Mo., Drug Task Force.

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