



# JACKSON COUNTY DRUG TASK FORCE



## FOUR DEFENDANTS INDICTED FOR CRACK COCAINE CONSPIRACY

Bradley J. Schlozman, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that two Independence, Mo., residents, a Kansas City, Mo., man and a Kansas City, Kan., man were indicted by a federal grand jury today for participating in a conspiracy to distribute crack cocaine.

**Andre D. Robinson**, 31, of Kansas City, Kan., **Mario Powell**, 26, of Kansas City, Mo., and **Bruce Nordike**, 45, and **Lisa Grant**, 44, both of Independence, were charged in a seven-count indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Kansas City.

Count One of the federal indictment alleges that **Robinson**, **Powell**, **Nordike** and **Grant** participated in a conspiracy to distribute 50 grams or more of crack cocaine between Dec. 1, 2005, and Sept. 7, 2006.

Counts Two and Three of the federal indictment allege that **Powell** and **Nordike** aided and abetted each other in the distribution of five grams or more of crack cocaine on Jan. 4 and Feb. 16, 2006, respectively.

Count Four of the federal indictment alleges that **Powell** was in possession with intent to distribute five grams or more of crack cocaine on March 27, 2006.

Count Five of the federal indictment alleges that **Powell** and **Grant** aided and abetted each other to distribute five grams or more of crack cocaine on April 7, 2006.

Counts Six and Seven of the federal indictment allege that **Robinson** distributed five grams or more of crack cocaine on July 12 and Aug. 16, 2006, respectively.

Today's indictment also includes a forfeiture allegation, which would require **Robinson** and **Powell** to forfeit to the government any property derived

from the proceeds of the alleged violations, or used to commit the alleged violations, including \$900 seized from **Powell** on March 27, 2006, \$1,067 seized from **Robinson** on July 12, 2006, a 1999 Chevrolet Blazer and a 1999 GMC Yukon.

Schlozman 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.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Kathleen D. Mahoney.

It was investigated by the Jackson County Drug Task Force.

