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****MEDIA ALERT****

New Police Board Commissioner To Be Sworn In

Todd H. Epsten will be sworn in as the newest member of the Metropolitan Police Department's Board of Police Commissioners prior to the open board meeting on Wednesday morning, February 27, 2008, at Police Headquarters, 1200 Clark Avenue beginning at 7:30 a.m.

Mr. Epsten, 48, is the Chief Executive Officer of Major Brands, Inc., Missouri's largest wine and spirits distributor. He is the third generation of his family to lead the company, which was started by his grandfather in St. Joseph, Missouri in 1934. He holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Political Science from American University in Washington D.C. Mr. Epsten was appointed to the Board by Missouri Governor Matt Blunt. He replaces JoAnn F. Morrow, whose term expired on January 31, 2008.

Mr. Epsten and his wife, Susan McCollum along with their two sons, Michael and Brian reside in the City of St. Louis.

Who: Metropolitan Police Department

What: New Police Commissioner Swearing-In

When: Wednesday, February 27, 2008 beginning at 7:30 a.m.

Where: Police Headquarters, 1200 Clark Avenue, 6th floor

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