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**BALTIMORE MAN SENTENCED TO 30 YEARS IN FEDERAL PRISON FOR
JUNE 2, 2007 FIREBOMBING**

*Defendant Also Pleads Guilty in State Court to Murdering the Victim
17 Days after the Firebombing*

Baltimore, Maryland - U.S. District Judge Andre M. Davis sentenced Marcus Crandell, age 22, of Baltimore, Maryland, today to 30 years in prison, followed by five years of supervised release for using a destructive device in connection with the firebombing on June 2, 2007 of Ronnie Bundy's residence, announced United States Attorney for the District of Maryland Rod J. Rosenstein and Baltimore City State's Attorney Patricia C. Jessamy. Crandell also pleaded guilty today in Baltimore City Circuit Court to second degree murder in the death Mr. Bundy on June 19, 2007 and was sentenced to 30 years in prison, to be served concurrent with his federal sentence.

U.S. Attorney Rod J. Rosenstein stated, "Federal and state authorities are united in our commitment to stop the violence in Baltimore. In this case, Marcus Crandell's bad choices sent Ronnie Bundy to an early grave and condemned Crandell to spend most of his life in a concrete jail cell."

"Today's prison sentence sends a significant message to violent criminals who prey on our law-abiding citizens: law enforcement, at all levels, will not tolerate your illegal activities and we will continue to use every available local, state and federal resource to catch and prosecute you," said Baltimore City State's Attorney Patricia C. Jessamy.

"The act of attempting to burn another human being through the use of a Molotov cocktail is a horrific crime," says ATF Special Agent in Charge Gregory K. Gant. "This type of investigation is of the highest priority for our agency as we work to put the most violent criminals in jail."

According to his plea agreement in federal court, on June 1, 2007, Crandell got into a fight with Ronnie Bundy. Mr. Bundy left the area and returned a short while later with a handgun. Mr. Bundy robbed Crandell of his cell phone and cash, and made him take off his shoes, which he threw onto a roof where Crandell could not retrieve them.

In response, Crandell purchased a bottle of isopropyl alcohol and stole a can of gasoline

from the back of a work truck parked in the neighborhood. Crandell devised a molotov cocktail using a gin bottle filled with isopropyl alcohol and a paper wick. Early on June 2, 2007, Crandell threw a brick through the window of Mr. Bundy's second floor apartment, ignited the wick of the molotov cocktail and threw the device through the shattered window. When Mr. Bundy attempted to exit his apartment, Crandell threw gasoline on him and tried to ignite a fire, but Mr. Bundy shut the door. Mr. Bundy removed his gasoline soaked clothing and left the area.

A few hours later, Crandell and others kicked in the door of Mr. Bundy's apartment. They splashed gasoline around the apartment and ignited it, causing serious damage to the property and forcing those who were living in the first floor apartment to evacuate the building.

On June 19, 2007, Ronnie Bundy was fatally shot on the corner of Miles Avenue and 29th Street. The victim was pronounced dead at the scene from a shotgun wound to the neck and head. Crandell pleaded guilty to the murder today in Baltimore City Circuit Court.

United States Attorney Rod J. Rosenstein and Baltimore City State's Attorney Patricia C. Jessamy thanked the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and the Baltimore City Police Department for their investigative work in the federal and state cases. Mr. Rosenstein and Ms. Jessamy commended Assistant United States Attorney A. David Copperthite, who prosecuted the federal case, and Assistant State's Attorney Lisa Goldberg, who is prosecuting the state case.