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**BALTIMORE FELON EXILED TO 10 YEARS IN FEDERAL PRISON
FOR ILLEGAL POSSESSION OF A GUN**

Baltimore, Maryland - U.S. District Judge J. Frederick Motz sentenced Cortez Fisher, age 33, of Baltimore, today to 10 years in prison followed by three years of supervised release for illegal possession of a gun by a convicted felon, announced United States Attorney for the District of Maryland Rod J. Rosenstein.

According to his guilty plea, after observing Fisher traveling to and from his residence engaging in what appeared to be drug-related activities, DEA agents approached Fisher as he left his residence and entered his car. Fisher attempted to flee, crashing his car into an officer's car. Fisher was detained and his residence searched. Over 50 grams of crack cocaine were recovered, along with baggies and scales commonly used to prepare drugs for further distribution. Also recovered from the residence was a loaded handgun.

Fisher was convicted in federal court in 2005 of unlawful possession of a gun by a convicted felon, and therefore it was illegal for him to possess the gun found in his residence.

United States Attorney Rod J. Rosenstein thanked the Baltimore City Police Department, the Drug Enforcement Administration and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives for their investigative work. Mr. Rosenstein commended Assistant U.S. Attorney Philip S. Jackson, who prosecuted the case.