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**BALTIMORE FELON EXILED TO 10 YEARS IN FEDERAL PRISON FOR
ILLEGALLY POSSESSING FIREARMS**

Baltimore, Maryland - U.S. District Judge William D. Quarles, Jr. sentenced Kevin Darnell Robinson, age 33, of Baltimore today to 10 years in prison, followed by 5 years of supervised release for being a felon in possession of a firearm, announced United States Attorney for the District of Maryland Rod J. Rosenstein.

According to his guilty plea, on February 24, 2007, at Robinson's urging, Shanay Johnson inquired about purchasing a .40 caliber firearm from a Baltimore County firearms dealer. Johnson later purchased a Glock, Model 19, 9mm caliber semi-automatic firearm. She and Robinson were positively identified by their Maryland driver licenses. A background check was conducted which revealed that Robinson was a convicted felon. Johnson, Robinson's girlfriend, did not have a criminal history. The firearms dealer reported the sale to police as a possible straw purchase of a firearm.

On March 7, 2007, when Johnson and Robinson arrived to complete the final purchase paperwork for the firearm, officers followed the pair to their apartment and observed Robinson carry the firearm into the apartment. A few minutes later, Robinson left the apartment and drove away. He was stopped by police because his driver's license had been revoked. After giving the officers a false name and address, Robinson was arrested and a search of the vehicle recovered 12 empty sandwich bags in the center console and one "false-top" Coca-Cola can which contained a sandwich bag which held an additional 22 smaller zip-lock bags containing a total of 1.8 grams of crack cocaine.

During a subsequent search of their apartment, officers found a bag in a bedroom closet which contained a Mossberg, Model 500A, 12 Gauge Shotgun and a Glock, Model 19, 9mm caliber semi-automatic pistol, loaded with fifteen cartridges. There were also several other 9mm caliber and 12 Gauge shotgun rounds recovered, as well as drug packaging materials and a bullet-proof vest.

Shanay Johnson pleaded guilty to making false statements to acquire a firearm and was sentenced to a year probation with six months to be served on home detention with electronic monitoring.

United States Attorney Rod J. Rosenstein thanked the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and the Baltimore County Police Department for their assistance in the investigation and prosecution of this case. Mr. Rosenstein commended Assistant U.S. Attorney Debra Dwyer, who prosecuted the case.