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**BALTIMORE MAN SENTENCED TO 25 YEARS IN PRISON FOR USE OF A
FIREARM DURING A ROBBERY**

BALTIMORE, Maryland - United States Attorney for the District of Maryland Rod J. Rosenstein announces that today U.S. District Judge William N. Nickerson sentenced Donte Brown, age 30, of Baltimore to 25 years in prison followed by 5 years of supervised release for interference with commerce by robbery, and possession of a firearm in furtherance of a crime of violence. Brown was sentenced as a career offender. He has previous convictions for daytime house breaking, burglary, assault, possession with intent to distribute cocaine, and illegal possession of a firearm

According to the statement of facts presented at his guilty plea on July 7, 2005, on August 4, 2004, Brown entered the Exxon gas station located at 4122 Frederick Avenue in Baltimore brandishing a loaded Ruger .45 caliber P-90 pistol and demanding that an Exxon employee give him money from the cash register. The station employee refused and began to fight with Brown. During the course of the fight, a Baltimore City Sheriff entered the station and helped subdue Brown, who was arrested.

United States Attorney Rod J. Rosenstein thanked the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and the Baltimore City Sheriff's Office for the investigative work performed in this case. Mr. Rosenstein also praised Assistant United States Attorney George L. Russell III, who prosecuted the case.