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**DEFENDANT SENTENCED TO 235 MONTHS
FOR FELON IN POSSESSION OF A FIREARM**

BALTIMORE, Maryland - United States Attorney for the District of Maryland Rod J. Rosenstein announces that today U.S. District Court Judge Catherine C. Blake sentenced Wallace Allen, age 29, of Baltimore, Maryland to 235 months in prison followed by three years of supervised release for possession of a firearm by a felon.

According to the statement of facts presented to the court, Allen started carrying a revolver with him in July 2003. On October 9, 2003, he became involved in a domestic dispute with his then-girlfriend. Allen loaded the revolver with bullets, pointed it at his girlfriend and threatened to kill her. Then he knocked his girlfriend unconscious. On October 15, 2003 he again used the revolver against his girlfriend, forcing her to have sex with him while pointing the revolver and a knife at her. On the morning of October 16, 2003, Baltimore City police officers apprehended Allen at his apartment. The police observed the revolver within Allen's reach.

United States Attorney Rod J. Rosenstein thanked the Baltimore City Police Department, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms & Explosives for their investigative work. Mr. Rosenstein commended Assistant United States Attorneys Debra L. Dwyer and Harry M. Gruber, who prosecuted the case.