



U.S. Department of Justice

United States Attorney  
District of Maryland

Rod J. Rosenstein  
United States Attorney

Vickie E. LeDuc  
Public Information Officer

36 South Charles Street  
Fourth Floor  
Baltimore, Maryland 21201

410-209-4800  
TTY/TDD: 410-962-4462  
410-209-4885  
FAX 410-962-3091  
Vickie.LeDuc@usdoj.gov

**SEPTEMBER 8, 2005**  
**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**  
**[www.usdoj.gov/usao/md](http://www.usdoj.gov/usao/md)**

**FOR FURTHER  
INFORMATION CONTACT  
VICKIE E. LEDUC  
(410) 209-4885**

**HIDTA: ANNAPOLIS MAN SENTENCED  
TO 151 MONTHS FOR COCAINE CONSPIRACY**

BALTIMORE, Maryland - United States Attorney for the District of Maryland Rod J. Rosenstein announces that today U.S. District Court Judge Williams D. Quarles, Jr. sentenced Vincent Wesley Blair, Jr., age 26, of Annapolis, to 151 months in prison followed by 5 years of supervised release and 150 hours of community service in connection with his guilty plea to conspiracy to distribute cocaine base in the vicinity of public housing.

According to the statement of facts presented to the court as part of the plea agreement, in June of 2003, Drug Enforcement Administration agents and Anne Arundel County Police Department officers intercepted cell phone calls in which a supplier negotiated the sale of cocaine with Blair. Additional intercepted conversations and witness information revealed that members of the conspiracy used a residence in Eastport Terrace, a public housing facility, to cook powder cocaine into crack cocaine. A search warrant executed at Blair's residence revealed crack cocaine, over \$3,000, a scale commonly used for weighing controlled substances and a loaded firearm. Blair admitted that they would find these items in his home.

United States Attorney Rosenstein thanked the Drug Enforcement Administration, Anne Arundel County Police Department and the Annapolis Police Department for the investigative work they performed, and Assistant United States Attorney Christopher Romano who prosecuted the case.