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**BALTIMORE MAN SENTENCED TO OVER TEN YEARS
FOR DRUG TRAFFICKING CONSPIRACY**

BALTIMORE, Maryland - United States Attorney for the District of Maryland Rod J. Rosenstein announces that today Chief U.S. District Court Judge Benson E. Legg sentenced Earl Arzynell Clayborne, age 30, of Baltimore, to 10 years and 10 months in prison followed by 4 years of supervised release for conspiracy to distribute and to possess with intent to distribute 100 grams of heroin.

According to the statement of facts presented to the court as part of Mr. Clayborne's guilty plea, Clayborne admitted to selling heroin on several occasions to a DEA confidential source and an undercover ATF agent. The meetings were all recorded. The amount of heroin he sold came to over 100 grams. While Clayborne was on pretrial release under the supervision of the United States Pretrial Services Office, he violated the conditions of his release and fled. Clayborne was apprehended by the U.S. Marshals and DEA agents. Recovered from the apartment where Clayborne was found were a .45 caliber semi-automatic pistol, a false Pennsylvania I.D. containing Clayborne's picture, over \$2,781 in cash and 13.4 grams of crack cocaine.

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