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**GALVEZ SENTENCED FOR DRUG CONSPIRACY**

BALTIMORE, Maryland - United States Attorney for the District of Maryland Rod J. Rosenstein announces that today U.S. District Court Judge Andre M. Davis sentenced Gerard Galvez, age 37, of Baltimore to 36 months in prison followed by 2 years of supervised release in connection with his guilty plea to conspiracy to manufacture Methylenedioxymethamphetamine (MDNA).

According to the agreed statement of facts presented to the court, based upon information that Galvez and others were manufacturing MDNA inside a Fell street residence and that a Baylis street residence contained precursor material for manufacturing MDMA, agents from the Baltimore City Police Department, the Drug Enforcement Administration and the Food and Drug Administration searched both residences on January 22, 2004.

According to the statement of facts, Galvez was arrested at the Fell Street residence, where co-defendant Dr. Robert Keenan was also present. A thermometer and sealed large metal pipe were inside a heated oven in the kitchen. Green liquid was oozing from one end of the pipe. Tests revealed that the liquid contained precursor material for manufacturing MDNA. Large amounts of controlled dangerous substance packaging paraphernalia were recovered, including gelatin capsules, plastic freezer bags, a scale, glassware and an encapsulating machine. A lab notebook was recovered in the bathroom containing a formula for making MDMA precursor material. Fingerprints on the notebook were those of Galvez.

According to the statement of facts, chemicals, glassware, heating elements and other paraphernalia used to manufacture MDNA were recovered from the Baylis street residence. The chemicals were purchased either by Keenan or at his direction, delivered to Keenan's business, the Elite Weight Management Center in Towson, and then taken by Galvez to the Baylis street residence to manufacture MDNA. A search of Elite Weight Management Center revealed a document entitled

“A Complete MDMA Synthesis For the First Time Chemist” which had been downloaded on Keenan’s computer to his office. The document outlined a method for manufacturing MDMA. Part of this method was memorialized in the lab notebook found at the Fell street residence.

This case was investigated by the Baltimore Police Department, the Food and Drug Administration - Office of Criminal Investigations, the Drug Enforcement Administration and the United States Attorney’s Office. The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorneys George L. Russell, III and Philip S. Jackson.