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**3 DEFENDANTS INDICTED FOR 4 MURDERS, CARJACKING, CONSPIRACY TO
DISTRIBUTE DRUGS AND POSSESSION OF FIREARMS**

GREENBELT, Maryland - United States Attorney for the District of Maryland Allen F. Loucks announces that yesterday a federal grand jury indicted Lionel Dewayne Gilliam, age 21, of Forrestville, Maryland, Sean Adonis Simpson, age 22, of Suitland, Maryland and Norberto Quinones, age 23, of Upper Marlboro, Maryland for crimes committed in connection with a violent drug trafficking scheme in Prince George's County.

The 16-count Second Superseding Indictment charges that from the fall of 2000 to about November 2002, the defendants operated a violent drug trafficking scheme responsible for distributing marijuana and cocaine base, commonly called "crack cocaine." The indictment charges that the defendants distributed the drugs in open air drug markets located in the Hilmar area of Forestville, Maryland which is comprised of several apartment complexes, including Amberwood Apartments, also known as Cambridge Commons, Forest Creek Apartments, Park Berkshire Apartments, Surrey Square Apartments and a neighborhood shopping center. The defendants committed robbery, assault, car jacking and other forms of intimidation to ensure that members of the conspiracy and others did not provide information to law enforcement or otherwise impede their

ability to sell drugs. Robberies were committed to obtain drugs, monies and firearms.

The specific acts of violence charged in the indictment include the July 16, 2002 murder of Donald Twitty, the September 9, 2002 shooting of Darrien Deron Lewis, the September 30, 2002 car jacking and murder of Terrence Adams, the October 5, 2002 murder of Donald Stafford, and the October 22, 2002 murder of Juan Joseph Clark.

All of the defendants are charged with conspiracy to distribute and posses with intent to distribute controlled substances and conspiracy to possess firearms in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime. Gilliam is also charged with use of a firearm in the murders of Donald Twitty, Donald Stafford and Juan Clark. Gilliam and Simpson are further charged with use of a firearm in the shooting of Darrien Lewis and the murder and carjacking of Terrence Adams.

United States Attorney Allen F. Loucks said, "This prosecution results from a dedicated partnership between federal, state and local law enforcement agencies. Our office is committed to combating violent crime in Prince George's County."

Each defendant is in custody and faces a maximum sentence of life in prison. In addition, Gilliam and Simpson are eligible for a death sentence for the murders alleged.

An indictment is not a finding of guilt. An individual charged by indictment is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty at some later criminal proceedings.

The criminal charges in this indictment are the result of an investigation by the Safe Streets Task Force which is composed of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Prince George's County Police Department and the Maryland State Police. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorneys Deborah A. Johnston and Sandra Wilkinson.