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BALTIMORE MAN SENTENCED TO 171 MONTHS FOR ATTEMPTED ROBBERY

BALTIMORE, Maryland - Allen F. Loucks, United States Attorney for the District of Maryland, announces that today U.S. District Court Judge Catherine C. Blake sentenced Anthony Johnson, age 46, of Baltimore, Maryland to 171 months in prison followed by 3 years of supervised release for attempted robbery of a food store owner.

According to an agreed upon statement of facts presented to the court on April 15, 2005 as part of the plea agreement, on June 3, 2003 at 2:30 a.m. Johnson approached the owner of U.A.C. Food Market outside of the store located at 514 North Freemont Avenue in Baltimore, Maryland, brandishing a firearm and demanding money. The store owner refused to comply and began to fight with Johnson. During the fight both Johnson and the store owner fell inside the store. Baltimore City Police were alerted to the robbery by the signaling of a silent alarm. Officers arrived at the scene and arrested Johnson. Both Johnson and the store owner sustained injuries as a result of the fight and were transported to the hospital. On June 5, 2003 after his discharge from the hospital, Johnson confessed to attempting to rob the store owner.

This case was investigated by the Baltimore City Police Department and was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney George L. Russell.