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**DR. ROBERT M. KEENAN CONVICTED FOR
CONSPIRACY AND ATTEMPT TO MANUFACTURE ECSTASY**

BALTIMORE , Maryland - Allen F. Loucks, United States Attorney for the District of Maryland, announced that today a federal jury convicted Dr. Robert M. Keenan, age 45, of Baltimore, Maryland for conspiracy to manufacture Methylenedioxymethamphetamine (MDMA or Ecstasy), and attempt to manufacture Methylenedioxymethamphetamine (MDMA). Sentencing is set for July 29, 2005.

According to testimony at trial, on January 23, 2004 several search warrants were executed in Baltimore City and County, including Keenan's Fells Point condominium and Elite Weight Management Center operated by Keenan in Towson, Maryland. The searches revealed evidence related to the manufacturing of Ecstasy.

Co-defendant Gerard G. Galvez, age 37, of Baltimore, Maryland pleaded guilty to conspiracy to manufacture MDMA on April 15, 2005.

Keenan and Galvez face a maximum sentence of 20 years in prison and a 1 million dollar fine for each count.

This case is the result of a joint investigation by the Baltimore Police Department, the United

States Food and Drug Administration - Office of Criminal Investigations, the United States Drug Enforcement Administration, and the United States Attorney's Office.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorneys George L. Russell, III and Philip S. Jackson.