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**TWO BALTIMORE POLICE OFFICERS AND BALTIMORE MAN INDICTED FOR
CONSPIRACY TO COMMIT ROBBERY, EXTORTION AND DRUG TRAFFICKING**

BALTIMORE, Maryland - United States Attorney for the District of Maryland Allen F. Loucks announces that a federal grand jury has indicted William King, age 35, of Baltimore, Maryland, Antonio Murray, age 34 of Abingdon, Maryland, and Antonio Mosby, age 39, of Baltimore, Maryland for crimes committed in connection with a conspiracy to interfere with commerce by robbery and extortion; conspiracy to distribute cocaine, cocaine base, heroin and marijuana; and carrying firearms while trafficking drugs. King and Murray are police officers with the Baltimore City Police Department.

The five-count indictment alleges that in August 2004 until the present, the defendants conspired to obtain by robbery and extortion cocaine, cocaine base, heroin and marijuana, and proceeds from sales of such narcotics. King and Murray used their police powers, while armed with their issued service pistols, to detain drug traffickers inside police vehicles and on the streets of Baltimore City. King and Murray took the drugs and drug proceeds from the drug traffickers through threat of force, arrest and prosecution. They would release the drug traffickers without any resulting charges or prosecution. Mosby acted as a lookout and informant for King and Murray, identifying potential drug dealers, and the locations of drugs and drug proceeds on the streets of Baltimore City.

The indictment alleges that the three defendants split the proceeds of the illegal seizures from the drug traffickers. The defendants also sold the drugs seized from the drug traffickers, thereafter splitting the proceeds.

In addition to charging the three defendants with drug trafficking and firearms offenses, counts 4 and 5 of the indictment charge King with distributing cocaine base and marijuana.

United States Attorney Allen Loucks stated that “These corrupt police officers betrayed their shields, their fellow officers and the citizens they were sworn to protect. In bringing this indictment, we will ensure that these defendants will be brought to justice, and that the unlawful conduct of two rogue cops will not tarnish the reputation of their honorable fellow officers.”

If convicted, the maximum sentence faced by each of the defendants is 20 years and a \$250,000 fine for conspiracy to interfere with commerce by robbery and extortion; 40 years and a \$2 million fine for conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute narcotics; and 20 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine for conspiracy to possess firearms in furtherance of a crime of violence and a drug trafficking crime. Additionally, King faces a maximum sentence of 40 years and a \$2 million fine under count 4 charging him with possession with intent to distribute cocaine base, and five years and a \$250,000 fine under count 5 charging him with distribution of marijuana.

King and Murray were arrested today and will have their initial appearances in federal court tomorrow, May 12, 2005. They are detained pending a detention hearing. Mosby has not yet been arrested.

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 a joint investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the United States Attorney’s Office. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorneys A. David Copperthite and Charles J. Peters.