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CAPTURED FUGITIVE SENTENCED IN ARMED ROBBERY OF PAWN SHOP

Greenbelt, Maryland - Allen F. Loucks, United States Attorney for the District of Maryland, announced today that U.S. District Court Judge Deborah K. Chasanow sentenced Darrion Kinsey, age 20, of Capital Heights, Maryland, to 124 months of imprisonment followed by five years of supervised release, for his participation in the September 10, 2002 armed robbery of the A-1 Pawn Shop in Laurel, Maryland.

The two-count indictment to which Kinsey pleaded guilty charged Kinsey and four others with robbery by threat of force and violence against two employees of the A-1 Pawn Shop, as well as use of a firearm during the commission of a violent crime. Kinsey's guilty plea to the federal firearms violation requires him to serve at least seven years of imprisonment, consecutive to what he received for the robbery itself.

According to an uncontested statement of facts, two employees of the A-1 Pawn Shop provided inside information to Kinsey and two other robbers, including the location of video surveillance cameras and guns kept at the pawnshop. Kinsey and two co-defendants carried out the armed robbery using the information provided by those employees. Eighty-two firearms, mostly

handguns, were stolen and only a handful of the approximate \$38,000 worth of guns have been recovered.

Although the employees that aided Kinsey's robbery advised him to remove two store cameras, the stipulated statement of facts indicates that they were unaware of a third camera that successfully obtained video images of Kinsey and his codefendants conducting the gunpoint robbery of two store employees. The other four participants to the crime pleaded guilty in 2003 and received sentences between 8 and 11 years. All of the defendants have been ordered to repay A-1 Pawn for its \$44,716 in losses.

Kinsey was a fugitive until his arrest by U.S. Marshals on June 9, 2004 and when taken into custody he confessed his involvement in the robbery. Today's sentencing constitutes the final court proceeding for the five participants in the crime.

To date, the vast majority of the handguns stolen from the robbery have not been found. Any information relating to the whereabouts of the weapons should be directed to the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives at 1-800-ATF-GUNS.

This case was jointly investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, the Prince George's County Police Department and the United States Attorney's Office. The case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorneys James M. Trusty and Sandra Wilkinson.