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**OXON HILL MAN SENTENCED TO 27 YEARS IN PRISON
ON DRUG AND GUN CHARGES**

GREENBELT, MARYLAND – Allen F. Loucks, United States Attorney for the District of Maryland announced that on April 8, 2005, John Richard Proctor, age 37 of Oxon Hill, Maryland, was sentenced to 27 years incarceration by the Honorable Roger W. Titus, as a result of his guilty plea to charges he possessed 50 grams or more of cocaine base with the intent to distribute, and that he possessed a firearm following a felony conviction.

The facts leading to charges against Proctor were developed during an extensive investigation conducted over a two and half year period. On January 17, 2001, John Richard Proctor sold 22.6 grams of cocaine base for \$1,000 near the intersection of Southern Avenue and Wheeler Road in Prince George's County, Maryland, to an FBI confidential witness. On January 26, 2001, John Richard Proctor sold 24.6 grams cocaine base to the FBI confidential witness for \$1,200 in the District of Columbia. Both of these transactions were recorded on video and audio tape, and observed by special agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

In August 2003, the FBI confidential witness contacted Proctor, paid back \$200 owed from the January 17, 2001, drug sale and discussed future drug deals. On August 21, 2003, FBI Special

Agents executed a search warrant at John Richard Proctor's residence. Proctor was the sole occupant of the house at the time of the search.

The FBI recovered during the execution of the search warrant 112.4 grams of cocaine base in 4 baggies, a brown box with a scale (the type used in weighing cocaine) with cocaine base residue, surgical gloves, \$457 in U.S. currency on a dresser, and a black bag containing \$4,000 in U.S. currency. The FBI also recovered several firearms and ammunition, as well as two body armor vests in the residence.

This case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorneys Daphene R. McFerren and Steven M. Dunne, and was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives.