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**FORMER MARYLAND PRISON GUARD CHARGED WITH  
POSSESSION WITH INTENT TO DISTRIBUTE COCAINE**

**Baltimore, Maryland** - Rod J. Rosenstein, United States Attorney for the District of Maryland, announces that today a criminal complaint was filed against Rasheem Jamal Robinson, age 30, of Baltimore County for possession with intent to distribute cocaine.

Prior to the time of his arrest, Robinson worked as a corrections officer at the Maryland Correctional Institute in Jessup, Maryland. According to the affidavit supporting the criminal complaint, Robinson met with an undercover law enforcement agent on August 12, 2005 at Security Square Mall in Baltimore County. Robinson and the undercover agent discussed Robinson taking possession of about three kilograms of cocaine and paying for the cocaine at a later time. After Robinson allegedly took possession of a portion of the cocaine, federal agents arrested Robinson.

A criminal complaint is not a finding of guilt. An individual charged by complaint is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty at some later criminal proceedings.

Robinson faces a minimum sentence of 5 years imprisonment and a maximum sentence of 40 years imprisonment followed by 4 years of supervised release, and a maximum fine of \$2,000,000. His initial appearance was held at 2:30 p.m this afternoon.

The criminal charge is the result of a joint investigation by the Drug Enforcement Administration, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement and the Maryland Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Harry M. Gruber.