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**JAMAAL WALKER CONVICTED OF CARJACKING,  
CONSPIRACY AND USE OF A FIREARM**

Baltimore, Maryland - Allen F. Loucks, United States Attorney for the District of Maryland, announced today that Jamaal Walker, age 27, of Baltimore, Maryland was convicted yesterday after a one week jury trial of carjacking, using a firearm in relation to a crime of violence and conspiracy.

According to trial testimony, in the early morning hours of April 16, 2003 Walker, co-defendant Jeremiah Poole and two others lured the victim, Edward Hawkins, to a shopping center located at Northeast Baltimore City. One of the defendant's co-conspirators forced Mr. Hawkins from the driver's seat of his automobile using a semi-automatic assault rifle. The men took control of Mr. Hawkins's vehicle. Mr. Hawkins was taken to the Randallstown area of Baltimore County, at which point he was forced from his car at gun point and ordered to disrobe. After the coconspirators searched Mr. Hawkins's vehicle, they shot Mr. Hawkins in the back and then drove out of the area using Mr. Hawkins's car. State and federal law enforcement agencies searched for Walker and Poole for nearly one year before they were arrested. Walker was taken into custody by

the Baltimore City Police Department in March 2004. Prior to his arrest, Walker and Poole had been featured on "Maryland's Most Wanted."

Walker is scheduled to be sentenced by the Honorable Richard D. Bennett on April 15, 2005. The defendant faces a maximum sentence of 25 years on the car jacking charge, life in prison on the related firearm charge and 20 years in prison on the conspiracy charge. Walker's co-defendant, Jeremiah Poole, previously pled guilty to carjacking and using a firearm in relation to a crime of violence and is currently scheduled to be sentenced on February 4, 2005.

The case was investigated by the Baltimore County Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosive. The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorneys Jonathan M. Mastrangelo and Robert R. Harding.