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**ALLEN GILL SENTENCED TO 40 YEARS FOR THREE MURDERS AND DRUG
CONSPIRACY CHARGES**

Defendant Joins "Growing List of Violent Baltimore Criminals Exiled to Federal Prison"

BALTIMORE, Maryland - U.S. District Judge William D. Quarles, Jr. sentenced Allen Gill, age 28, of Baltimore, today to 40 years of prison, followed by five years of supervised release on three counts of using a gun to commit murder in aid of racketeering and one count of conspiracy to distribute crack cocaine, cocaine and heroin, announced United States Attorney for the District of Maryland Rod J. Rosenstein.

"Allen Gill has committed his last murder on the streets of Baltimore, because he has joined the growing list of violent Baltimore criminals exiled to federal prison," said U.S. Attorney Rod J. Rosenstein.

"ATF and our law enforcement partners are committed to making the streets of Baltimore safer for our citizens and our children," says ATF Acting Special Agent in Charge David L. McCain, "and today we believe we have made a significant impact in our communities."

According to the statement of facts presented with his guilty plea, which occurred after four days of trial, from 1999 to April 2007, Gill was a member of the Latrobe Organization, a drug and firearms organization, which operated in Latrobe Homes in East Baltimore. He conspired to distribute more than 50 grams of crack cocaine, five kilograms of cocaine and more than a kilogram of heroin. Gill and other members of the Latrobe Organization promoted a climate of fear in Baltimore area neighborhoods through violence and threats of violence.

On November 15, 1999, Gill attempted to rob Stewart Staggs of his drug money. Staggs refused to give him the money and Gill shot and killed him in the 900 block of Webb Court, right outside of Latrobe Homes.

On April 9, 2003, Gill and co-defendant Harry Burton robbed drug supplier Ramon Santana of his heroin. Santana was shot and killed in the course of the robbery. Gill and Burton told other people about this murder and asked people to assist them in selling the stolen drugs.

Harry Burton was shot on June 7, 2003. Burton believed that Valencia Jones, a woman

he was dating at the time, had set him up for the shooting and ordered her murder. On June 20, 2003, Gill shot and killed Valencia Jones, based upon Burton's request.

Co-defendant Harry Burton, age 28, of Baltimore, pleaded guilty to the same charges and was sentenced to 60 years in prison on September 12, 2008.

United States Attorney Rod J. Rosenstein commended the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and the Baltimore City Police Department for their investigative work performed in this Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force (OCDETF) case. Mr. Rosenstein thanked Assistant U.S. Attorneys Kwame J. Manley and Robert R. Harding, who are prosecuting the case.