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**BLOODS GANG MEMBER CONVICTED OF
ORDERING A DRUG-RELATED MURDER IN 2000**

MICHAEL J. GARCIA, the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, announced that CHAZ GLYNN, a/k/a "Chaddio," a/k/a "Bloody Cash," a member of the Bloods street gang, was found guilty by a jury this morning in Manhattan federal court of ordering a murder in the Bronx in May 2000. The victim, Frederick Fowler, who was 32 years old at the time of his death, had accompanied a friend from Virginia to the Bronx on the day of the murder for purposes of a drug transaction. The Honorable JED S. RAKOFF presided over the seven-day trial.

According to the evidence at trial: GLYNN was a member of the Bloods street gang, also known as the "United Blood Nation," or "UBN." From at least 1999 through late summer 2000, GLYNN was involved in building up his "set" of the Bloods, "Gangster Killer Bloods" or "GKB." OMAR PORTEE, a/k/a "OG Mack," the founder of the East Coast Bloods, had returned to the Bronx from prison in June 1999, and gave GLYNN official control over the sale of crack cocaine in the vicinity of 166th Street and Clay Avenue in the Bronx.

In connection with GLYNN's crack business and his efforts to increase his authority in the Bloods, GLYNN ordered two of his underlings -- "soldiers" in the Bloods -- to murder Fowler and his friend who were waiting in a car at the corner of Teller Avenue and 169th Street in the Bronx. The intended victims had given roughly \$20,000 to one of GLYNN's drug associates approximately one hour before, for the purpose of buying cocaine from GLYNN's associate. GLYNN gave his two soldiers guns and directed them to commit the murder, telling them that they would get a share of the \$20,000. The two Bloods soldiers approached the car and one of them fired into the back seat, killing Fowler with multiple gunshot wounds. The other

victim survived, and testified at the trial. The Bloods soldiers who committed the murder at GLYNN's behest were 16 and 18 years old at the time; GLYNN was then 22. The two soldiers have since been apprehended and pleaded guilty to murder in aid of racketeering and other charges; their sentences are pending.

In connection with his drug trafficking on Clay Avenue, GLYNN repeatedly used teenagers, some as young as 14 years old, to sell his drugs. GLYNN himself was caught selling drugs to an undercover police officer in May 1999. In September 2000, police executed a search warrant at GLYNN's apartment on Clay Avenue, and recovered two guns, ammunition, drugs, and extensive materials related to GLYNN's participation in the Bloods gang, including photographs of GLYNN wearing gang paraphernalia and making gang signs, as well as written materials including the Bloods Constitution, oaths, and codes. GLYNN was arrested at that time and has since been serving a sentence of 96 months for drug and gun possession, as well as for the May 1999 sale of crack cocaine to an undercover officer.

After only three hours of deliberations, the jury convicted GLYNN of one count of murder in aid of racketeering, one count of murder in furtherance of a drug trafficking conspiracy, and one count of murder committed with a firearm. As a result of the verdict, GLYNN faces a mandatory sentence of life in prison.

Mr. GARCIA praised the investigative work of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, and the New York City Police Department for their assistance in the investigation, arrest, and prosecution of GLYNN.

Assistant United States Attorneys JESSICA A. ROTH and TODD BLANCHE are in charge of the prosecution.

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