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**WASHINGTON D.C. MAN SENTENCED FOR  
ASSAULTING DEPUTY U.S. MARSHALS**

GREENBELT, Maryland - Thomas M. DiBiagio, United States Attorney for the District of Maryland, announced today that Kevin Dudley, age 43, of Washington, D.C. was sentenced today by U.S. District Judge Peter J. Messitte to serve 78 months in prison followed by 3 years of supervised release for assaulting Deputy U.S. Marshals with his motor vehicle. Judge Messitte also ordered that Dudley pay \$6,700 in restitution for injuries and property damage caused during the incident.

According to the statement of facts provided to the court as part of the plea agreement, on April 25, 2003 Dudley was wanted for violating his parole stemming from a Washington, D.C. conviction for manslaughter and use of a firearm in the commission of a crime of violence. U.S. Marshal's Service deputies, in attempting to serve the outstanding warrant for violation of parole, found Dudley in a stolen Jeep Cherokee in Bladensburg, Maryland.

According to the statement of facts, when deputies attempted to surround the stolen vehicle, Dudley rammed his car into a car occupied by two deputies. After the vehicle came to a stop,

deputies got out of their vehicles to attempt to arrest Dudley, but Dudley drove at a high rate of speed toward one of the apprehending deputies. After Dudley was wounded by two gunshots, he again attempted to elude arrest, this time driving over the legs of a deputy who was attempting to turn off the ignition of the stolen Jeep. Dudley drove the vehicle a short distance before crashing into a fire hydrant, staggering out of the vehicle, and being placed under arrest. During a brief hospitalization after the incident, Dudley told guards that he had grown tired of his life and wanted law enforcement officials to kill him.

Judge Messitte rejected contentions of Dudley's defense counsel that his use of drugs and lack of specific intent to harm the deputies warranted a sentencing reduction, before sentencing Dudley to the highest sentence permissible within the binding sentencing guideline range.

This case was investigated by the United States Marshals Service and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, and was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorneys James M. Trusty and Gina Simms in Greenbelt, Maryland.