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ABERDEEN MAN SENTENCED TO 188 MONTHS
FOR ILLEGAL POSSESSION OF A FIREARM

BALTIMORE, Maryland - United States Attorney for the District of Maryland Rod J. Rosenstein announces that today U.S. District Court Judge William D. Quarles, Jr. sentenced Chico Blick, age 27, of Aberdeen, Maryland to 188 months in prison followed by 4 years of supervised release for possession of a firearm by a convicted felon.

According to the statement of facts presented to the court as part of his guilty plea on September 15, 2005, law enforcement officers received information that Blick was selling large quantities of drugs out of 432 A Edmund Street in Aberdeen. A search of the premises on April 6, 2005 revealed nine bags of crack cocaine and a loaded .380 caliber Beretta pistol. The officers were advised by the resident of the premises that the drugs and gun belonged to Blick, who frequently sold drugs and possessed firearms. The resident also advised the officers that Blick carried a shotgun and revolver and that he would be returning soon from Baltimore City with more drugs. Officers knew from other sources as well that Blick was a drug dealer and frequently traveled to Baltimore to pick up large quantities of narcotics.

United States Attorney Rod J. Rosenstein thanked the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, Aberdeen Police Department and other members of the Harford County Drug Task Force and the Drug Enforcement Administration for their investigative work. Mr. Rosenstein commended Assistant United States Attorney Kwame J. Manley, who prosecuted the case.