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**BALTIMORE MAN SENTENCED TO OVER 15 YEARS FOR BEING A FELON IN
POSSESSION OF A FIREARM AND AMMUNITION**

Baltimore, Maryland - Calvin Parnell, age 35, of Baltimore, was sentenced today to 188 months in prison, followed by 5 years of supervised release for being a felon in possession of a firearm and ammunition, announced United States Attorney for the District of Maryland Rod J. Rosenstein. U.S. District Judge Richard D. Bennett enhanced Parnell's sentence after finding that he was an armed career criminal based on three previous convictions for felony drug offenses.

According to his guilty plea, on December 21, 2005, Baltimore City police officers approached a parked vehicle in which Parnell was seated. The officers searched Parnell, removing a loaded Fabrique Nationale (FN), Model Hi-Power, 9 MM Luger caliber pistol from his waistband. Parnell was arrested.

United States Attorney Rod J. Rosenstein thanked the Baltimore City Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives for their investigative work, and commended Assistant United States Attorney Bryan Giblin, who prosecuted the case.