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THREE BALTIMORE MEN INDICTED IN ARMED ROBBERIES OF CIGARETTE DELIVERY TRUCKS

Baltimore, Maryland - A federal grand jury indicted Keith Debnam, age 41, Michael Goodwyn, age 39, and Clyde Ringgold, age 42, all of Baltimore, today for robbing six delivery truck drivers of cartons of cigarettes, announced United States Attorney for the District of Maryland Rod J. Rosenstein.

According to the indictment, on July 28 and August 7, and 8, 2006, the defendants robbed delivery truck drivers of a total of 432 cartons of cigarettes and a case of apple danish. Additionally, on July 25, 2006 Debnam and Goodwyn robbed a delivery truck driver of 92 cartons of cigarettes; on August 1, 2006 Debnam and Ringgold robbed a delivery truck driver of 59 cartons of cigarettes; and on August 4, 2006 Debnam robbed a delivery truck driver of 84 cartons of cigarettes. On each occasion, the robberies were carried out by actual and threatened violence. In all, the defendants stole 667 cartons of cigarettes worth over \$24,500. Upon the defendants' arrest on August 8, police officers recovered a firearm.

The defendants face a maximum sentence of 20 years in prison followed by 3 years of supervised release and a \$250,000 fine. The defendants are in state custody.

An indictment is not a finding of guilt. An individual charged by indictment is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty at some later criminal proceedings.

United States Attorney Rod J. Rosenstein praised the investigative work performed by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and Baltimore City Police Department. Mr. Rosenstein thanked Assistant U.S. Attorney Stephanie A. Gallagher and Special Assistant U.S. Attorney Lori Leonovicz, who are prosecuting the case.

