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**THREE BALTIMORE MEN INDICTED ON MURDER, DRUG AND FIREARM
CONSPIRACY CHARGES**

BALTIMORE, Maryland - A federal grand jury has indicted Harry Burton, a/k/a Big Harry, a/k/a Lil' Harry, Stanford Stansbury, a/k/a Stan and Allen Gill a/k/a Bam, a/k/a Bam-Bam, all age 27, of Baltimore, with conspiracy to distribute crack cocaine, cocaine and heroin and conspiracy to possess and possession of firearms in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime, announced United States Attorney for the District of Maryland Rod J. Rosenstein. Burton and Stansbury are also charged with murder as a result of possession and discharge of firearms in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime and Gill is charged with possession with intent to distribute crack cocaine. The indictment was returned on March 27, 2007 and unsealed on April 6, 2007 upon the arrest of the defendants.

The eight-count indictment charges that from 2000 to March 2007, Burton, Stansbury and Gill conspired to distribute more than 50 grams of crack cocaine, five kilograms of cocaine and more than a kilogram of heroin. As part of that conspiracy, Burton and Stansbury are charged in the deaths of Maurice "Smokey" Ireland on January 27, 2003 and Michael "Mike-Mike" Jones on May 19, 2003. Burton and Stansbury also face firearms charges related to the murders and drug distribution. The group operated in Latrobe Homes and East Baltimore.

Burton and Stansbury face a maximum penalty of death or life in prison for each count of murder as a result of possession and discharge of firearms in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime. It has not been determined whether the United States will seek the death penalty. Burton, Stansbury and Gill face life in prison for possession of a firearm in a drug trafficking crime; a maximum penalty of life in prison for conspiracy to distribute crack cocaine, cocaine and heroin; and 20 years in prison for conspiracy to possess a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime. Gill also faces a maximum of 40 years in prison for possession with intent to distribute crack cocaine. The defendants are currently in federal custody and no court appearance has been scheduled.

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 commended the investigative work performed in this Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force (OCDETF) case by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and the Baltimore City Police Department. Mr. Rosenstein thanked Assistant U.S. Attorneys Kwame J. Manley and Robert R. Harding, who are prosecuting the case.