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**FEDERAL SENTENCE IMPOSED FOR THREATENING PARENTS OF ATF AGENT**

**Baltimore**, Maryland - U.S. District Judge William D. Quarles, Jr. sentenced Joshua Haggerty, age 25, of Greenport, New York today to six months in prison followed by three years of supervised release for threatening to assault a family member of a federal law enforcement officer, announced United States Attorney for the District of Maryland Rod J. Rosenstein.

According to his guilty plea and court documents, a confidential informant received a voice mail message from Haggerty on January 29, 2007 in which Haggerty threatened the parents of an ATF agent who had been working on a Maryland drug distribution investigation which involved one of Haggerty's friends.

United States Attorney Rod J. Rosenstein thanked the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives for their investigative work, and commended Assistant United States Attorney Gregory Welsh, who prosecuted the case.