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BALTIMORE ARMED CAREER CRIMINAL SENTENCED TO ALMOST 20 YEARS

Baltimore, Maryland - U.S. District Judge Andre M. Davis sentenced Darryl Harcum, age 28, of Baltimore today to 235 months in prison followed by five years of supervised release for being a felon in possession of a gun, announced United States Attorney for the District of Maryland Rod J. Rosenstein. Judge Davis enhanced Harcum's sentence upon finding that he is an armed career criminal based on eight previous state convictions including distribution of heroin, possession with intent to distribute cocaine and second degree assault.

According to the testimony presented at the two day trial, on January 26, 2006 a Baltimore City Police officer responded to the 1200 block of Braddish Avenue for a report of shots being fired. As the officer approached Harcum in an alley, Harcum dropped a shiny object that appeared to be a handgun and several small objects to the ground as he ran away. Harcum was arrested and officers recovered three zip-lock bags with marijuana and a loaded .45 caliber Ruger semi-automatic pistol. Harcum was on probation at the time of this arrest.

United States Attorney Rod J. Rosenstein thanked the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and the Baltimore City Police Department for their investigative work, and commended Special Assistant United States Attorney James Francomano and Assistant U.S. Attorney Debra Dwyer, who prosecuted the case.