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**BALTIMORE FELON EXILED TO EIGHT YEARS IN PRISON WITHOUT PAROLE
FOR POSSESSION OF TWO SHOTGUN SHELLS**

Baltimore, Maryland - U.S. District Judge Andre M. Davis sentenced Daron Brown, age 48, of Baltimore, today to eight years in prison without parole followed by five years of supervised release for being a felon in possession of ammunition, announced United States Attorney for the District of Maryland Rod J. Rosenstein. At the sentencing Judge Davis found that Brown is an armed career criminal based on three prior convictions for a violent felony or drug trafficking.

United States Attorney Rod Rosenstein said, "Daron Brown's burglary spree was brought to an end thanks to outstanding police work."

"This is another example of a strong partnership between federal and local prosecutors, working together to determine the best possible prosecution to protect public safety," said State's Attorney Patricia C. Jessamy. "This case also highlights the federal statute that prohibits a convicted felon to possess ammunition, and the fact that just two bullets led to today's conviction and sentence. I proposed similar state legislation in 2003 and 2004 to the Maryland legislature as part of our EXILE gun legislation, ultimately it failed in the General Assembly."

According to his guilty plea, a burglary was reported in June 2006 at a Baltimore home in which 16 firearms were taken. On July 24, 2006, Baltimore police officers approached Brown walking in the Northwood section of Baltimore City carrying a backpack and leather CD case. Brown was wanted in connection with several area burglaries. The officers approached Brown and upon further investigation determined that Brown had taken the CD case from a nearby vehicle. The officers arrested him. Brown admitted to several burglaries, including the home burglary. Officers searched his residence and seized two Winchester Super Speed shotgun shells that Brown admitted taking during the home burglary.

United States Attorney Rod J. Rosenstein thanked the Baltimore City State's Attorney's Office, Baltimore City Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives for their assistance in the investigation and prosecution. Mr. Rosenstein commended Assistant United States Attorney James T. Wallner, who prosecuted the case.