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**BALTIMORE MAN CONVICTED OF BEING A FELON IN POSSESSION OF A
FIREARM IS SENTENCED TO 10 YEARS IN PRISON**

Baltimore, Maryland - U.S. District Judge Catherine C. Blake sentenced Cornell Vincent, age 32, of Baltimore today to ten years in prison followed by three years of supervised release, after he was convicted at trial for being a felon in possession of a firearm, announced United States Attorney for the District of Maryland Rod J. Rosenstein.

According to testimony presented at his trial, on March 4, 2005 Baltimore City Police Officers observed Vincent coming out of an alley, drinking an alcoholic beverage. As the officers approached Vincent, he walked onto the porch of a home in the 300 block of Monastery Avenue and attempted to open the door. As officers called out to him and continued to approach, Vincent began knocking on the door and reached into his right jacket pocket. When the door of the home opened, Vincent ran into the house, pulling a handgun from his right jacket pocket. Officers followed Vincent into the basement of the home, where he was arrested. Officers recovered a loaded FIE .38S&P caliber revolver, Model Titan Tiger, from Vincent's jacket which Vincent had thrown during the chase.

United States Attorney Rod J. Rosenstein thanked the Baltimore City Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives for their investigative work, and commended Assistant United States Attorney Charles J. Peters, who prosecuted the case.