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**BALTIMORE MAN WHO IMPERSONATED AN OFFICER SENTENCED TO 10
YEARS FOR ILLEGAL POSSESSION OF A FIREARM**

BALTIMORE, Maryland - U.S. District Judge Andre M. Davis sentenced Ronald Edward Ector, age 30, of Baltimore, Maryland today to 10 years in prison, followed by five years of supervised release for being a felon in possession of a firearm, in connection with an attempted armed robbery in which he impersonated a deputy U.S. Marshal, announced United States Attorney for the District of Maryland Rod J. Rosenstein.

According to his guilty plea, on January 12, 2006, Baltimore City police officers responded to a 911 call for an attempted armed robbery and arrested Ector. On the scene, officers approached Ector, who identified himself as a deputy U.S. Marshal. At the time, Ector had subdued the intended robbery victim with flex cuffs and was wearing body armor and a raid jacket labeled "POLICE." Police searched Ector and recovered a loaded Glock, model 27, .40 caliber pistol and several forms of false police identification. An additional pair of handcuffs and another piece of body armor was also recovered from Ector's car.

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