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**BALTIMORE MAN SENTENCED TO 15 YEARS FOR ARMED ROBBERIES
OF CIGARETTE DELIVERY TRUCKS**

Baltimore, Maryland - U.S. District Judge William M. Nickerson sentenced Clyde Ringgold, age 43, of Baltimore, yesterday to 15 years in prison followed by three years of supervised release for robbing four delivery truck drivers of cartons of cigarettes, announced United States Attorney for the District of Maryland Rod J. Rosenstein. Judge Nickerson also ordered Ringgold to pay restitution of \$6581.73

According to his plea agreement, on July 28, August 1, 7, and 8, 2006, Ringgold robbed delivery truck drivers of a total of 491 cartons of cigarettes worth over \$18,100. Keith Debnam participated in those four robberies, as well as robberies on July 25 and August 4. Michael Goodwyn participated in the July 25 and 28, and August 7 and 8 robberies. On each occasion, the robbers threatened the drivers of the delivery trucks with a gun. The robbers were arrested on August 8 after police received a 911 call describing the getaway car, and the firearm was recovered. A total of 667 cartons of cigarettes worth over \$24,500 were stolen during the six robberies.

Keith Debnam, age 42, of Baltimore, pleaded guilty to the six robberies, and Michael Goodwyn, age 40, also of Baltimore, pleaded guilty to the four robberies in which they participated. They face a maximum penalty of 20 years in prison, followed by three years of supervised release, and a \$250,000 fine. Judge Nickerson has scheduled Goodwyn's sentencing for January 23, and Debnam's sentencing for January 24, 2008.

United States Attorney Rod J. Rosenstein praised the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and Baltimore City Police Department for their investigative work. Mr. Rosenstein thanked Assistant U.S. Attorneys Stephanie A. Gallagher and Debra Dwyer, who are prosecuting the case.