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## **Richmond Man, 22, Sentenced to 37 Years for Robbery and Drug-Related Crimes**

(Richmond, VA) – Darryl G. Ingram, Jr., age 22, of Richmond, Virginia, was sentenced today to 444 months in prison for his involvement in an armed commercial robbery, and for the distribution of cocaine base. Ingram was convicted in April 2007 of conspiracy to distribute more than 50 grams of crack cocaine, conspiracy to interfere with commerce by threats and violence, interference with commerce by threats and violence, and brandishing a firearm during the commission of a crime of violence. Chuck Rosenberg, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia; Edgar Domenech, Special Agent in Charge, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF); Col. Henry Stanley, Chief of Police for the County of Henrico; and Col. Rodney Monroe, Chief, Richmond Police Department, made the announcement after Ingram was sentenced by Chief United States District Judge James R. Spencer.

Evidence at trial established that on January 22, 2004, Ingram and two associates robbed the Davinci's Pizza Restaurant located in the Fulton Hill area of Richmond. Ingram and his co-conspirators wore masks and were armed with hand guns during the robbery. The three demanded money from the clerk, and one of the robbers pistol-whipped the clerk during the robbery. The three then took personal money from the clerk, money from the business cash register, pizza, and the store telephone, in an attempt to prevent the clerk from calling the police to report the robbery. During the trial, evidence also established that Ingram was involved in a second armed robbery of the same business on August 7, 2004. On that occasion, one clerk was again pistol-whipped and a second clerk was assaulted.

United States Attorney Rosenberg stated, "Mr. Ingram made a series of very bad decisions, and has rightfully lost the opportunity to live in the community, for which he had shown so much contempt."

In addition, from 2004 until 2006, Ingram was a street-level dealer of cocaine base, also known as "crack," in the Fulton Hill section of Richmond. He sold a total of at least 1.5 kilograms of the drug.

"This sentence should serve as a reminder that ATF and our partners in Richmond are committed to making our communities safer for law abiding citizens," said ATF Special Agent in Charge Domenech. "We will continue to focus our resources on putting the "worst of the worst" criminals behind bars for a long time."

During the second day of trial, Ingram attempted to discourage former associates from testifying against him by yelling to them and pleading with them not to testify against him, while they were housed in separate holding cells in the same cell block at the courthouse. At least one of the individuals in that holding cell has since acknowledged that he changed his testimony, falsely exculpating Ingram, as a result of this. The Court found this conduct resulted in an obstruction of justice and, accordingly, enhanced Ingram's sentence.

The investigation was conducted by ATF, the Henrico County Police Department and the Richmond Police Department. The case was prosecuted by the United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Virginia.

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