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**BALTIMORE FELON EXILED TO NINE YEARS IN PRISON
FOR ARMED CARJACKING**

Baltimore, Maryland - U.S. District Judge Richard D. Bennett sentenced Derrell Walker, age 24, of Baltimore, today to nine years in prison followed by five years of supervised release for carjacking and brandishing a firearm in furtherance of a crime of violence, announced United States Attorney for the District of Maryland Rod J. Rosenstein.

According to his guilty plea, on November 6, 2007, Walker, co-defendant Donald Wedlock and another associate flagged down a taxi cab near Mondawmin Mall in Baltimore. After Walker unsuccessfully attempted to pay for the ride by purchasing gas at two separate gas stations with a credit card, the cab driver drove Walker and Wedlock to the 5400 block of Radecke Avenue as Walker had directed. Walker then pointed a semi-automatic handgun at the back of the driver's head and stated, "You know what time it is." The victim, fearing for his safety, jumped from the vehicle as Wedlock moved from the passenger seat to gain control of the vehicle and drive away.

Walker was arrested on November 8, 2007 after running from a police officer. During the pursuit, Walker discarded the gun used in the carjacking, as well as the keys to the vehicle. The vehicle was located a short distance from where Walker was arrested.

Donald Wedlock, age 19, also pleaded guilty and faces a maximum sentence of 15 years for carjacking; and a mandatory minimum sentence of seven years and a maximum of life for brandishing a firearm in furtherance of a crime of violence. Judge Bennett scheduled his sentence for October 24, 2008.

United States Attorney Rod J. Rosenstein thanked Baltimore City State's Attorney Patricia C. Jessamy and Assistant State's Attorneys Patrick Moran and Laura Lipscomb, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and the Baltimore City Police Department for their assistance in the investigation and prosecution. Mr. Rosenstein commended Assistant U.S. Attorney James T. Wallner, who prosecuted the case.