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**FIVE-TIME CONVICTED FELON EXILED TO 20 YEARS IN PRISON FOR ILLEGAL  
POSSESSION OF A FIREARM**

**Baltimore**, Maryland - U.S. District Judge William D. Quarles, Jr. sentenced Garfield Redd, age 38, of Baltimore today to 20 years in prison, followed by five years of supervised release, after being convicted by a federal jury on September 4, 2008 of being a felon in possession of a firearm, announced United States Attorney for the District of Maryland Rod J. Rosenstein. Judge Quarles enhanced Redd's sentence upon finding that he was an armed career criminal based on five previous state convictions, including four convictions on assault charges.

U.S. Attorney Rod J. Rosenstein said, "We are reducing gun crime in Maryland by sending armed criminals to prison, and keeping them in prison."

"A violent offender who has five prior convictions does not belong on the streets of Baltimore," says ATF Special Agent in Charge Theresa R. Stoop. "We hope this sentencing sends a message to potential offenders that we will continue to target the 'worst of the worst' in Baltimore, and we will work to send these armed career criminals to jail- for a very long time."

According to testimony at his three day trial, on October 22, 2006, Baltimore Police Department officers working in the 500 block of Gold Street noticed two large groups congregating. Two officers approached one group, identified themselves as police officers and inquired why the men were there. Redd, who was seated on some steps nearby, got up and began to walk briskly away from where the officers were speaking to the other individuals. Another officer, who was in the street, saw Redd get off the steps and could see that Redd had a gun in his hand. As Redd approached the officer, he tossed the gun under the rear bumper of a parked car and began walking in a different direction. The officer repeatedly ordered Redd to get on the ground, which he eventually did. The handgun was recovered from under the vehicle and Redd was arrested.

United States Attorney Rod J. Rosenstein thanked Baltimore City State's Attorney Patricia C. Jessamy, the Baltimore Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives for their assistance in the investigation and prosecution. Mr. Rosenstein and Ms. Jessamy commended Assistant United States Attorney George J. Hazel and Special Assistant United States Attorney Christopher M. Mason, a cross-designated Baltimore City Assistant State's Attorney assigned to EXILE cases, who prosecuted the case.