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**JAMAAL WALKER SENTENCED TO 255 MONTHS FOR CAR JACKING,
CONSPIRACY AND USE OF A FIREARM**

Baltimore, Maryland - Allen F. Loucks, United States Attorney for the District of Maryland, announces that today U.S. District Court Judge Richard D. Bennett sentenced Jamaal Walker, age 27, of Baltimore, Maryland to 255 months in prison followed by 3 years of supervised release arising from his conviction by a federal jury on January 25, 2005 of car-jacking and using a firearm in relation to a crime of violence and conspiracy.

According to trial testimony, in the early morning hours of April 16, 2003 Walker, co-defendant Jeremiah Poole and two others lured the victim to a shopping center located at Northeast Baltimore City. One of Walker's co-conspirators forced the victim from the driver's seat of his automobile using a semi-automatic assault rifle. The men took control of the victim's vehicle. The victim was taken to the Randallstown area of Baltimore County, at which point he was forced from his car at gun point and ordered to disrobe. After the co-conspirators searched the victim's vehicle, they shot the victim in the back and then drove out of the area using the victim's car. State and federal law enforcement agencies searched for Walker and Poole for nearly one year before they were arrested. Walker was taken into custody by the Baltimore City Police Department in March 2004. Prior to their arrest, Walker and Poole had been featured on "Maryland's Most Wanted."

Walker's co-defendant, Jeremiah Poole, previously pled guilty to carjacking and using a firearm in relation to a crime of violence. He is scheduled to be sentenced on July 11, 2005.

The case was investigated by the Baltimore County Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorneys Jonathan M. Mastrangelo and Robert R. Harding.