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**MEMBER OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY
DRUG ORGANIZATION SENTENCED TO 10 YEARS IN PRISON**

GREENBELT, Maryland - Claude Young, age 43, of Upper Marlboro, Maryland was sentenced today to 10 years in prison, followed by 5 years of supervised release, for conspiracy to possess with the intent to distribute controlled substances, in connection with his participation in a cocaine distribution ring operated by Lester Fletcher in Prince George's, Calvert, Anne Arundel and Charles counties, announced United States Attorney for the District of Maryland Rod J. Rosenstein. Fletcher was convicted by a federal jury in April 2006.

According to the statement of facts presented at Young's guilty plea, beginning in February 2005, Young worked at one of Fletcher's crack houses on D'Arcy Road in Upper Marlboro, Maryland. Young sold powder and crack cocaine, assisted in the preparation of crack cocaine and helped distribute both powder and crack cocaine. Between February and April 2005, Young was paid in quantities of crack cocaine for his services as a "doorman" and received at least 75 grams of crack cocaine during that period.

United States Attorney Rod J. Rosenstein praised the investigative work performed by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and the Prince George's County Police Department. Mr. Rosenstein commended Assistant U.S. Attorneys David I. Salem and Gina L. Simms, who are prosecuting the case.