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**RANDALLSTOWN MAN SENTENCED TO OVER 9 YEARS IN PRISON IN COCAINE
DISTRIBUTION CONSPIRACY**

30 Kilograms of Cocaine Seized in a Trip from Houston to Baltimore

BALTIMORE, Maryland - Donovan Cunningham, age 38, of Randallstown, was sentenced today to 110 months in prison, followed by 5 years of supervised release for conspiracy to distribute five kilograms or more of cocaine, announced United States Attorney for the District of Maryland Rod J. Rosenstein.

According to the statement of facts presented to the court at his September 25, 2006 guilty plea, beginning in April 2005, agents learned through surveillance and calls intercepted pursuant to a wiretap order that Delroy Dawes, age 46, of Randallstown, transported drugs and money for Cunningham in weekly or bi-weekly trips between Baltimore and the Houston, Texas area. For example, on May 16, 2005, agents observed Dawes, a truck driver, enter a tractor-trailer facility in Columbia, Maryland, and place a large duffel bag or bags in a tractor trailer. From further investigation, agents learned that Dawes traveled to the Houston area. Cunningham and another co-conspirator were in Houston at the same time and had been seen entering the residence of their Houston supplier. On May 18, 2005, Dawes left the Houston area and drove the truck toward Baltimore. At the same time, Cunningham and the co-conspirator traveled in their own vehicle from Houston toward Baltimore. Dawes was stopped on May 19, 2005 upon reaching the Baltimore metropolitan area. The truck was searched, revealing 30 kilograms of cocaine.

Dawes pleaded guilty to conspiracy to distribute cocaine and was sentenced to 30 months in prison followed by five years of supervised release.

United States Attorney Rod J. Rosenstein thanked the Drug Enforcement Administration, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, Baltimore City Police Department and Baltimore County Police Department for their investigative work performed in this Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force case. Mr. Rosenstein also praised Assistant United States Attorney Philip S. Jackson, who is prosecuting the case.