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### **District Man Sentenced to 14-Year Prison Term for Assaulting Ex-Girlfriend and Father of Her Child**

WASHINGTON - James Holston, 35, was sentenced today to a 14-year prison term on charges stemming from an assault against his ex-girlfriend and her child's father that took place in Southeast Washington, D.C., U.S. Attorney Ronald C. Machen Jr. announced.

Holston, of Washington, D.C., was convicted in November 2010 by a jury in the Superior Court of the District of Columbia on charges including assault with a dangerous weapon and related firearms offenses. He was sentenced today by the Honorable Judge Ronna L. Beck.

According to the government's evidence, the victims were eating and drinking inside a van that was parked in the 3500 block of Stanton Road SE on the evening of May 12, 2010. Shortly after they got out of the van, Holston approached them while pointing a gun. Holston attempted to rob the victims and then opened fire, striking the male victim twice.

In announcing the sentence, U.S. Attorney Machen commended Metropolitan Police Department Detectives Jose Campos-Nieves, Jonathan Shell, and Timothy Francis, as well as Officers Israel Ruiz, Kevin Halpin, and Jason Romlein. U.S. Attorney Machen also expressed his appreciation to Paralegal Gena Johnson, Legal Assistant Charmonique Price, Victim Advocate Dr. Lorraine Chase, Information Technology Specialist Joshua Ellen, and Assistant U.S. Attorney Mona Sahaf who investigated and tried the case.

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