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BALTIMORE FELON EXILED TO 15 YEARS IN PRISON FOR POSSESSING A GUN

Baltimore, Maryland - U.S. District Judge Richard D. Bennett sentenced Renardo Robinson, age 54, of Baltimore late yesterday to 15 years in prison followed by three years of supervised release for being a felon in possession of a firearm and ammunition, announced United States Attorney for the District of Maryland Rod J. Rosenstein. Judge Bennett enhanced Robinson's sentence upon finding that he was an armed career criminal based on four previous drug trafficking convictions.

According to his guilty plea, on March 17, 2007 Baltimore City police officers saw Robinson show a handgun to an individual. Another individual yelled to Robinson that the officers were approaching. Robinson fled, drove off at a high rate of speed and was apprehended after abandoning his vehicle. Officers recovered a loaded .38 caliber handgun from his pants pocket.

Robinson's previous convictions prohibited him from possessing a gun.

United States Attorney Rod J. Rosenstein thanked the Baltimore City State's Attorney Patricia C. Jessamy and Assistant State's Attorney Timothy Lake, the Baltimore Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives for their assistance in the investigation and prosecution. Mr. Rosenstein commended Assistant United States Attorney Bonnie S. Greenberg and Special Assistant United States Attorney Anthony Teelucksingh, who prosecuted the case.