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Leader of Nine-Three Bloods Sentenced to 27 Years in Federal Prison

– Family Held Hostage at Gunpoint During Home Invasion Robbery –

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NEWARK – A ranking member of the Nine-Three set of the Bloods was sentenced today to 27 years in federal prison for a 2006 armed home-invasion robbery in Newark, Acting U.S. Attorney Ralph J. Marra, Jr., announced.

U.S. District Judge Stanley R. Chesler sentenced Stanley Foote, 29, of Newark, to the statutory maximum of 20 years in prison for convictions related to the conspiracy and the attempt to commit the armed robbery of drugs and money. He was sentenced to an additional mandatory minimum of seven years, to run consecutively, for his conviction on a charge of carrying and brandishing a weapon during the attempted robbery (the weapon was actually carried by an accomplice, but Foote was equally responsible under the law).

On Feb. 20, a jury convicted Foote of one count of conspiracy to commit a Hobbs Act robbery, one count of attempted robbery and one count of possession and brandishment of a firearm in furtherance of a crime of violence. He was acquitted of one additional weapons count.

The case arose from an investigation by Special Agents of the FBI into a narcotics trafficking ring led by Foote and members of the Nine-Three set of the Bloods, of which Foote is a status member.

Evidence at trial revealed that at approximately 11 p.m. on Aug. 23, 2006, Waleak Chandler climbed through the front porch window of the single family house on Lincoln Avenue armed with a gun, and ordered the victims, including four children, onto the floor. Chandler then opened the front door to allow Foote in, and Foote immediately ran up the stairs to the second floor. Chandler proceeded to hold the victims at gunpoint and ripped out the phone cords located in the dining room and kitchen so that the police could not be called. Meanwhile, Foote ransacked an upstairs bedroom looking for heroin, cocaine and cash in that bedroom. A short time later, both Chandler and Foote fled the home empty-handed.

Manning, 27, of Newark, who testified for the government, said she scouted out the location for the robbery and alerted the defendants to her belief that cocaine, heroine and cash would be found in the house.

Chandler, 26, also of Newark, and Manning pleaded guilty prior to trial to conspiracy to commit armed robbery. Manning was sentenced on April 2 to five years of probation, in which her cooperation and testimony at trial was taken into consideration. Chandler is scheduled to be sentenced on July 7.

The case has been prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorneys Melissa L. Jampol and Michael H. Robertson.

Marra credited Special Agents of the FBI and the FBI Safe Streets Gang Task Force, comprised of agents and law enforcement from federal, state and local agencies, including the Newark and Irvington Police Departments, with the investigation and prosecution of Foote, his co-defendants and others.

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For Manning - Harry Rimm, New York