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REPEAT DRUG OFFENDER SENTENCED TO 140 MONTHS IMPRISONMENT

ANDREW T. BAXTER, Acting United States Attorney for the Northern District of New York, announces that **Elrico Roberts, (age 43)** of Syracuse, New York, was sentenced yesterday in U.S. District Court in Syracuse to 140 months imprisonment, followed by ten years of supervised release, after previously pleading guilty to possessing with intent to distribute more than 5 grams of crack cocaine.

As part of his plea, **Roberts** admitted that on or about January 2, 2007, he was involved in crack sales in the vicinity of 550 South Clinton, Clinton Tower, Syracuse. At that time Syracuse Police officers observed him in a vehicle alone at 550 South Clinton. The officers followed the vehicle and eventually made a traffic stop based in part on **Roberts'** not having a valid driver's license. **Roberts** was removed from the vehicle so it could be towed. At that time a search of the vehicle revealed approximately 17.1 grams of crack - much of it broken down into smaller individual baggies - concealed in the headliner where it meets the windshield on the driver's side. At the police department, the vehicle was searched further and baggies, digital scale with crack residue and numerous disposable rubber gloves were recovered from the trunk. **Roberts** later admitted his routine involvement in street level sales of crack cocaine.

At the time he committed this crime, **Roberts** was on supervised release from a prior felony drug conviction for which he served 7 years in federal prison.

Further questions can be directed to Assistant U.S. Attorney John M. Katko at (315) 448-0916.