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**BALTIMORE FELON EXILED TO 15 YEARS IN PRISON**  
**FOR ILLEGAL POSSESSION OF A GUN**

**Baltimore**, Maryland - U.S. District Judge Andre M. Davis sentenced Ronald Scott, age 34, of Baltimore, today to 15 years in prison followed by five years of supervised release for being a felon in possession of a gun, announced United States Attorney for the District of Maryland Rod J. Rosenstein and Baltimore City State's Attorney Patricia C. Jessamy. Judge Davis enhanced Scott's sentence upon finding that he was an armed career criminal based on previous convictions for three drug offenses and one violent felony.

According to the plea agreement, on September 24, 2007, Baltimore Police officers on patrol saw Scott slumped over the steering wheel of his car in the 1800 block of Pennsylvania Avenue in Baltimore. After an officer repeatedly knocked on the window, Scott woke up, appearing groggy. When the officer asked Scott what he was doing in the area, Scott told him that he was "hacking" and was waiting for a man that had gone around the corner to get a package. Both officers noticed that Scott's speech was slurred and his eyes were glassy. Scott got out of the vehicle and consented to being searched. Officers recovered a loaded 9mm semi-automatic pistol from Scott's front pants pocket and he was arrested.

United States Attorney Rod J. Rosenstein and Baltimore City State's Attorney Patricia C. Jessamy thanked the Baltimore City Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives for their assistance in the investigation. Mr. Rosenstein and Ms. Jessamy commended Special Assistant United States Attorney Christopher M. Mason, a cross-designated Baltimore City Assistant State's Attorney assigned to EXILE cases, who prosecuted the case.