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110 GANG MEMBER SENTENCED TO 78 MONTHS IN PRISON

RICHARD S. HARTUNIAN, United States Attorney, Northern District of New York, announces that **KEITH HORTON**, age 22, of Syracuse, New York, was sentenced yesterday in U.S. District Court in Syracuse to 78 months in prison, followed by five years of supervised release, for his role in conspiring to engage in a pattern of racketeering activity through his membership in the 110 Gang, a violent street gang operating on the streets of Syracuse.

As part of his plea, **HORTON** admitted the following: (1) that he was involved with the 110 gang, which was also known as "Face Mobb," in memoriam to slain 110 gang member Darone Scott, a/k/a "Face"; (2) that the 110 Gang engaged in a pattern of racketeering activity that included, among other things, possessing with intent to distribute and distribution of cocaine base (crack) and various acts of violence; (3) that the 110 Gang operated within a specifically defined geographic area on the south side of the City of Syracuse, New York; (4) that 110 Gang members routinely guarded that territory and resorted to acts of violence, if necessary, to insure that no rival gang members encroached upon their territory to sell drugs, or for any other reason; (5) that by tightly controlling their defined geographic area, 110 Gang members maintained an exclusive territory within which only their members or associates could distribute their crack cocaine; and (6) that the gang also routinely engaged in acts of violence both within and outside their territory in furtherance of its' gang activities.

This prosecution resulted from a joint investigation conducted by the Syracuse Gang Violence Task Force, which is comprised of agents and detectives from the following agencies: United States Department of Justice, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (Syracuse Office), the Syracuse Police Department, the Onondaga County Sheriff's Department, the New York State Police, and the U.S. Marshals Service.

Further questions or inquiries may be directed to Assistant United States Attorney John M. Katko, the prosecutor handling the case, at (315) 448-0916.