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<u>LAST 110 GANG RICO DEFE</u>NDANT SENTENCED TO 14 YEARS IN PRISON

RICHARD S. HARTUNIAN, United States Attorney, Northern District of New York, announces that **CLINTON HILL**, age 32, of Syracuse, New York, was sentenced yesterday in U.S. District Court in Syracuse to 14 years imprisonment after pleading guilty to an Indictment charging him with conspiring to engage in a pattern of racketeering activity through his membership in the 110 Gang, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1962(d).

As part of his plea, **HILL** 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 their gang activities.

Various Overt Acts alleged in the Indictment that specifically relate to **HILL** include the following: (1) possessing crack cocaine in the presence of other 110 Gang members on October 23, 2000; (2) possessing a .22 caliber revolver with a defaced serial number, a .357 caliber revolver, and a Hi-Point 9 mm semi-automatic handgun, on December 18, 2000, in a car with other 110 Gang members; (3) possessing crack cocaine in the presence of other 110 Gang members on December 13, 2001; (4) shooting at a rival gang member on May 20, 2002, in the presence of at least one other 110 Gang member; (5) possessing a .38 caliber handgun in the presence of at least one other 110 Gang member on July 7, 2002; (6) possessing crack cocaine on June 14, 2007; and (7), firing at least six shots at close range into the back of a rival gang member outside the B&B Lounge on South Avenue on March 1, 2009.

HILL was the last 110 Gang member to be sentenced in this matter. All 12 charged defendants pled guilty to the RICO conspiracy and were sentenced to lengthy prison terms.

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. Marshal's Service.

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