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**BROOKLYN MAN CHARGED WITH TWO MURDERS
IN CONNECTION WITH HOME INVASION ROBBERIES**

MICHAEL J. GARCIA, the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, WILLIAM G. McMAHON, Special Agent-in-Charge of the New York Field Division of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, and RAYMOND W. KELLY, Commissioner of the New York City Police Department, announced today the unsealing of an Indictment in Manhattan federal court charging ALTON DAVIS, 41, with robbery, murder, firearms, and narcotics offenses stemming from his leadership of a robbery crew which targeted narcotics dealers in the New York metropolitan area, and his participation in two murders of robbery victims. According to the Indictment unsealed today:

ALTON DAVIS, a/k/a "Mr. B," a/k/a "D," a/k/a "Basil Bonnick," a/k/a "Duane Robinson Knyte," a/k/a "Michael Anthony Morris," conspired, from July 2002 through January 2003, to commit robberies of narcotics dealers in the New York area, including an attempted robbery at a residence in Elmont, New York on October 31, 2002, and an attempted robbery in the Bronx, New York on January 21, 2003. DAVIS is also charged with possession of firearms and using a firearm to murder Stephanie Laing during the Elmont robbery and to murder Gary Grey in the Bronx. DAVIS is also charged with his involvement in a conspiracy to distribute the large quantities of narcotics that were the objects of the robberies.

If convicted on all counts, DAVIS could face the death penalty. DAVIS could otherwise face a maximum sentence of life imprisonment, and a mandatory minimum sentence of 30 years' imprisonment.

DAVIS is scheduled to appear later today before United States Magistrate Judge DEBRA C. FREEMAN, in Manhattan federal court.

Mr. GARCIA praised the investigative efforts of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives ("ATF"), and the Internal Affairs Police Impersonation Unit, the Bronx Homicide Task Force, and the Cold Case Squad of the New York City Police Department ("NYPD"), who have jointly investigated the case. Mr. GARCIA also thanked the Kings County District Attorney's Office, the Nassau County District Attorney's Office, and the Nassau County Police Department. Mr. GARCIA also stated that the investigation is continuing.

Assistant United States Attorney JOHN J. O'DONNELL is in charge of the prosecution.

The charges contained in the Indictment are merely accusations, and the defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

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