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**BALTIMORE DRUG DEALER PLEADS GUILTY TO
HEROIN TRAFFICKING CHARGE**

MICHAEL J. GARCIA, the United States Attorney from the Southern District of New York, and PETER J. SMITH, the Special Agent-in-Charge of the New York Office of the Department of Homeland Security's U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement ("ICE") announced that TREMAIN ARNEL TAZEWELL, a/k/a "Roc," a/k/a "Slim," pleaded guilty today to conspiring to purchase large quantities of heroin in the New York area for distribution in Baltimore, Maryland. According to the Indictment and other documents filed in Manhattan federal court, as well as statements made during TAZEWELL's guilty plea proceeding:

TAZEWELL operated a heroin distribution business based in Baltimore, Maryland. At TAZEWELL's instruction, between 2003 and 2006, a co-conspirator traveled to New York to purchase the heroin that was then distributed in Baltimore. TAZEWELL is also featured in one of the "Stop Snitching" videos produced in Baltimore, Maryland in 2004 to intimidate individuals from cooperating with law enforcement.

Owing to a prior felony information filed against TAZEWELL, this offense carries a mandatory minimum sentence of twenty years in prison and a maximum sentence of life in prison. TAZEWELL, 29, of Baltimore, Maryland is scheduled to be sentenced on December 5, 2008.

Mr. GARCIA praised the investigative work of ICE, the Drug Enforcement Administration of Baltimore, Maryland, and the Baltimore City Police Department.

This case is being prosecuted by the Office's Narcotics Unit. Assistant United States Attorneys KENNETH POLITE and ANTONIA M. APPS are in charge of the prosecution.

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