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DEFENDANT PLEADS GUILTY FOR STRING OF ARMED ROBBERIES AND CARJACKING - FACES AT LEAST 32 YEARS IMPRSIONMENT

PHILADELPHIA – United States Attorney Patrick L. Meehan today announced that LAMAR RAYSON has entered guilty pleas to his role in a series of five separate gunpoint robberies of Philadelphia businesses between February 8, 2005 and March 8, 2005. RAYSON, along with at least two minors who have also pleaded guilty, robbed five stores at gunpoint in Northeast Philadelphia, including a 7-11 convenience store and four Chinese restaurants. RAYSON stole a total of approximately $1750 during these robberies.

RAYSON also pleaded guilty to an armed carjacking on November 17, 2006 in the Germantown area of Philadelphia.   RAYSON faces a mandatory minimum sentence of 32 years imprisonment when he is sentenced on March 19, 2008 before the Hon. John R. Padova.

INFORMATION REGARDING THE DEFENDANT

NAME	ADDRESS	AGE
Lamar Rayson	Philadelphia, PA	22 years old

RAYSON pleaded guilty to one count of conspiracy to interfere with interstate commerce by robbery, one count of armed carjacking and two counts of using a firearm in furtherance of a crime of violence. RAYSON faces a maximum possible sentence of Life imprisonment, with a mandatory minimum of 32 years imprisonment, a $1 million fine , 5 years of supervised release, and a $400 special assessment.

The case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Philadelphia Police Department. It has been assigned to Assistant United States Attorney Derek A. Cohen.

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