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**BALTIMORE CAREER OFFENDER EXILED TO OVER 24 YEARS IN PRISON
ON GUN AND DRUG CHARGES**

Baltimore, Maryland - U.S. District Judge Catherine C. Blake sentenced Mickey Oakley, age 44, of Baltimore, today to 292 months in prison followed by five years of supervised release for possession with intent to distribute heroin and possessing a gun in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime. Judge Blake enhanced Oakley's sentence upon finding that he is a career offender based on two previous drug convictions.

The sentence was announced by United States Attorney for the District of Maryland Rod J. Rosenstein; Special Agent in Charge Theresa R. Stoop of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives - Baltimore Field Division; Baltimore City State's Attorney Patricia C. Jessamy; and Baltimore Police Commissioner Frederick H. Bealefeld III.

According to Oakley's plea agreement, on February 1, 2008, Baltimore City police officers received information that "Mickey" was storing drugs in an apartment in the 5200 block of Eastbury Avenue and drove a black Acura SUV to a parking lot across the street to sell the drugs. "Mickey" was later identified as Mickey Oakley.

Officers began observing the apartment and saw Oakley park the SUV in front of the apartment and go inside. Approximately an hour later, Oakley came out and parked the SUV in the lot across the street. An officer in an unmarked car pulled directly behind the SUV, blocking it in. Officers approached the SUV and recovered a brown paper bag from Oakley which contained 400 gel caps of heroin, totaling over three ounces of heroin. Oakley was arrested and admitted that he had more drugs and guns in his apartment. Officers executed a search warrant at the apartment and seized plastic bags containing heroin and cocaine, a digital scale, cutting agent, packaging materials and two revolvers.

Mr. Rosenstein thanked the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives - Baltimore Field Division; Baltimore City State's Attorney Patricia C. Jessamy and her office; and the Baltimore City Police Department for their assistance in the investigation and prosecution. Mr. Rosenstein commended Assistant U.S. Attorney Cheryl L. Crumpton, who prosecuted this case.