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## PDL BLOODS LEADER AND ASSOCIATE CONVICTED IN CONSPIRACY TO DISTRIBUTE CRACK COCAINE

Leader Also Convicted of Federal Racketeering Conspiracy

**Baltimore**, Maryland – A federal jury convicted Terrence Richardson, a/k/a "Squeaky," "Don," and "L-Don," age 30 and Gregory Saulsbury, age 46, both of Baltimore, today for conspiracy to distribute and possess with attempt to distribute drugs. The jury also convicted Richardson for conspiracy to conduct and participate in the racketeering enterprise activities of the Pasadena Denver Lanes Bloods gang (PDL Bloods).

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

According to trial testimony, Richardson was the leader of PDL Bloods, a violent gang with members operating in Baltimore. PDL Bloods originated from a street gang known as "the Bloods" that was formed in Los Angeles, California in the early 1970s. As time passed, the Bloods spread to other locations and broke into individual "sets." One such Bloods set based in southern California was called Pasadena Denver Lanes. The PDL Bloods gang members conspired to engage in criminal activity, including attempted murders, assaults, robberies and drug trafficking, from at least January 2008 to the present.

Testimony presented at trial showed that Richardson directed PDL Bloods to sell heroin and crack cocaine to other gang members and participated in gang sanctions and other violence against PDL members for perceived disobedience. The jury also found that Richardson committed robberies, a murder and an attempted murder as part of the gang's activities.

According to the evidence, from January 2008 through May 2009, Saulsbury and Richardson both participated in a drug conspiracy. The jury found that they were responsible for the distribution of at least 50 grams of crack cocaine, as well as powder cocaine. The jury also found that Richardson distributed heroin and marijuana.

Saulsbury and Richardson face a mandatory life sentence for the drug conspiracy.

Richardson also faces a maximum of life on the racketeering charge. U.S. District Judge William D. Quarles, Jr., has scheduled sentencing for Richardson on June 22, 2010 and for Saulsbury on June 23, 2010, both at 9:30 a.m.

United States Attorney Rosenstein and Baltimore City State's Attorney Jessamy expressed their appreciation to Secretary Gary D. Maynard and the Maryland Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services for their assistance in the investigation.

Mr. Rosenstein and Mrs. Jessamy also thanked Assistant U.S. Attorney Kwame J. Manley and Special Assistant U.S. Attorney Traci Robinson, a cross-designated Baltimore City Assistant State's Attorney assigned to EXILE cases, who are prosecuting the RICO conspiracy case, and Baltimore City Assistant State's Attorneys Staci Pipkin and Brandis Marsh, who assisted in the prosecution.