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**22 ALLEGED MEMBERS OF VIOLENT “DEAD MAN INCORPORATED” GANG
INDICTED ON FEDERAL RACKETEERING, MURDER AND DRUG CHARGES THAT
MAY BRING LIFE IN FEDERAL PRISON**

*Indictment Alleges Four Murders, Plans to Commit Four More Murders and
Over 10 Assaults, Armed Robbery and Drug Trafficking*

Baltimore, Maryland - A federal grand jury has charged 22 defendants with conspiracy to participate in a violent racketeering enterprise known as the Dead Man Incorporated (DMI). All but one defendant are also charged with conspiring to distribute drugs. The indictment was returned on October 6, 2011 and unsealed today upon the arrests of seven defendants and the execution of seven search warrants. Eleven defendants were previously in custody and four defendants are still at large.

The indictment was announced by United States Attorney for the District of Maryland Rod J. Rosenstein; Special Agent in Charge Richard A. McFeely of the Federal Bureau of Investigation; Special Agent in Charge Mark R. Chait of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives - Baltimore Field Division; Chief James W. Johnson of the Baltimore County Police Department; Colonel Marcus L. Brown, Superintendent of the Maryland State Police; Baltimore Police Commissioner Frederick H. Bealefeld III; Anne Arundel County Police Chief James Teare, Sr.; Secretary Gary D. Maynard of the Maryland Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services; Baltimore County State's Attorney Scott Shellenberger; Baltimore City State's Attorney Gregg L. Bernstein; and Anne Arundel County State's Attorney Frank R. Weathersbee.

“This case is another in a series of federal racketeering prosecutions in which federal, state and local agencies have joined to target leaders and key members of violent gangs in Maryland,” said U.S. Attorney Rod J. Rosenstein. “Today’s indictment alleges that the Dead Man Incorporated gang is an organized criminal enterprise with leaders and members who deal drugs and commit violent crimes. Federal racketeering cases have been filed recently in Maryland against Black Guerilla Family (BGF), South Side Brims (SSB) Bloods, Pasadena Denver Lanes (PDL) Bloods, Tree Top Piru (TTP) Bloods, Latin Kings, 18th Street and MS-13, and additional gang investigations are ongoing. Anyone who joins a criminal gang should be on notice that they can be held accountable for all crimes committed by fellow gang members.”

“This investigation was extremely challenging, not just from the level of organization DMI displays, but the level of violence that this indictment alleges,” said FBI Special Agent in Charge Richard A. McFeely. “But the investigators and attorneys that formed this task force were even

better organized and over a three year period, left department insignia at the door and leveraged almost every investigative tool available to stem the flow of violence allegedly committed by this group. Today's indictment is a testament to the success of that strategy and the commitment by Maryland's law enforcement agencies to come together and stop the violence against our citizens."

"We are pleased to have worked such a successful operation with our law enforcement partners," said ATF Special Agent in Charge Mark R. Chait. "Together, we worked a strategic and methodical investigation against a group of violent offenders, whose actions have brought fear to our communities. We have dismantled the DMI organization with today's arrests, and we are confident that we have made a significant impact on violent crime. We want the members of the DMI gang or any criminal gang to know that membership may earn you a lifetime in federal prison."

According to the 27 count indictment, 18 men and four women are members and associates of the DMI. DMI was created originally in 2000 as a prison gang in Maryland. From the beginning, defendant Perry Roark was the "Supreme Commander." Also at its inception and for several years thereafter, DMI was closely allied to the Black Guerilla Family (BGF), another prison gang. By 2006, DMI expanded its membership by recruiting members outside prison, including women.

DMI members operated in and out of prisons throughout Maryland, as well as Pennsylvania, Louisiana and Texas. DMI is active in numerous prison facilities in Maryland, including the Maryland Correctional Adjustment Center, Baltimore City Detention Center, Baltimore City Correctional Center, Maryland Reception Diagnostic and Classification Center, Eastern Correctional Institution, Metropolitan Transition Center, Roxbury Correctional Institution, Patuxent Correctional Institution, Maryland Correctional Institution - Hagerstown, Western Correctional Institution, Central Maryland Correctional Facility, Maryland Correctional Institution – Jessup, Jessup Correctional Institution, Brockbridge Correctional Facility; Maryland Correctional Training Center; Anne Arundel County Detention Center; and Baltimore County Detention Center. Units operating outside the prisons are identified by the region they cover, such as Brooklyn, South Baltimore, Southwest Baltimore, Southeast Baltimore, Dundalk, Westminster, Glen Burnie, etc.

The indictment alleges that all 22 defendants conspired to conduct the affairs of DMI through a pattern of criminal activity from 2000 to the present, including: murder and threats to commit murder, armed robbery, drug trafficking and extortion. The defendants are alleged to have smuggled drugs, tobacco, cell phones and other contraband into prisons, by concealing them on the persons of visitors to the prisons. Twenty-one of the defendants are charged with conspiring to distribute cocaine, crack, oxycodone, Suboxone, heroin and marijuana.

According to the indictment, gang members used contraband cell phones in prisons to coordinate the smuggling of contraband into prisons, disseminate information about arrests and releases of members and associates, to warn of investigations, to publicize the identities of persons believed to be cooperating with law enforcement, and to order assaults and murders of such persons, as well as enemies of DMI.

Specific acts of violence alleged in the indictment include four murders in Maryland, as follows: the February 16, 2009 murder of James Flanary; the June 2, 2009 murder of Tony Geiger; the September 18, 2009 murder of Eugene Chambers; and the September 19, 2009 murder of Walter Milewski.

Additionally, the indictment alleges that several of the defendants planned to murder four other individuals, and ordered assaults on, and/or assaulted, over 10 individuals, six of whom were incarcerated in a Maryland detention facility. Four defendants allegedly fired weapons into a house, wounding an occupant. Another defendant committed a home invasion robbery in Glen Burnie, Maryland and assaulted the occupants.

The following defendants are charged in the indictment:

Perry Roark, a/k/a Rock, "Pops," "Slim," "Saho the Ghost," age 42;
James Sweeney, age 34;
Nicky Cash, a/k/a "Mom," age 46, of Baltimore;
George Treas, a/k/a "Georgie," "Fat Boy;" age 28, of Baltimore;
Dane Shives, age 22;
Michael Quinn, a/k/a "Mikey," age 28;
Michael Forame, a/k/a "Skinny," "Skinny Pimp," age 40, of Sykesville, Maryland;
Brian Mitchell, a/k/a "Carlito," age 40;
Richard Ingram, a/k/a "Ricky," "Hades," age 45;
Timothy Mixter, a/k/a "Fuhrer," age 35, of Essex, Maryland;
John Henry Adams, a/k/a "L.J.," "Little Johnny," age 25;
Gregory Cook, age 36;
Jeremy Ridgeway, a/k/a "J-Rock," age 22;
John Zion, a/k/a "John John," age 27;
Russell Hartman, a/k/a "Busy," age 29, of Baltimore;
Bonnie Rice, age 35, of Baltimore;
Kelly Witter, age 26;
Charles Gray, a/k/a "Bud," "Budrow;" age 31;
Edward Mueller, a/k/a "Dusty," age 31, of Baltimore;
Melanie Holquist, age 28; of Baltimore;
Scott Jarriel, a/k/a "Scotty J.," age 28; and
Gary Horton, age 26.

All of the defendants face a maximum sentence of life in prison on the racketeering conspiracy. All but one defendant, Gary Horton, also face a maximum sentence of life in prison and a mandatory minimum sentence of 10 years in prison on the drug conspiracy. Roark, Adams, Mitchell, Forame, Mueller, Treas, Mixter, Ingram, Hartman and Zion face a maximum sentence of 10 years in prison for conspiracy to commit murder and/or an assault in aid of racketeering.

Roark, Adams, Mitchell, Gray, Forame, Jarriel and Mueller face a maximum sentence of 20 years in prison for assault with a dangerous weapon resulting in serious bodily injury. Cash and Holquist face a maximum sentence of 15 years in prison for being accessories after the fact of an assault; Witter, Holquist, Zion, Mixter and Treas face a maximum sentence of 20 years in prison for distributing drugs; and Treas and Mixter face a maximum sentence of 10 years in prison for being a felon in possession of a gun.

Initial appearances for the defendants began this morning in U.S. District Court in Baltimore.

An indictment is not a finding of guilt. An individual charged by indictment is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty at some later criminal proceedings.

Mr. Rosenstein praised the FBI, ATF, Maryland Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services; Baltimore County Police Department; Anne Arundel County Police Department; Baltimore City Police Department; the Maryland State Police; Baltimore County State's Attorney's Office; Baltimore City State's Attorney's Office; and Anne Arundel County State's Attorney's Office for their assistance in this investigation and prosecution.

United States Attorney Rod J. Rosenstein thanked Assistant United States Attorneys Robert R. Harding and Christopher J. Romano, who are prosecuting this Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force case.