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**HELLS ANGELS VICE PRESIDENT SENTENCED  
FOR DRUG AND WEAPONS VIOLATIONS**

GREENBELT, Maryland - Thomas M. DiBiagio, United States Attorney for the District of Maryland, announced that today U.S. District Court Judge Alexander Williams, Jr. sentenced Lewis James Hall, age 34, of Owings Maryland, to 5 months in prison followed by 5 months of home detention, 3 years of supervised release, a \$3,000 fine arising from his guilty plea on April 6, 2004 to distribution of cocaine and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. The Court also ordered Hall to discontinue his association with the Hell's Angels Motorcycle Club through the term of supervised release.

On July 24, 2003 Hall, vice president of the North Beach chapter of Hells Angels Motorcycle Club was arrested and taken into custody following a long-term, nationwide investigation by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) into the Warlocks Outlaw Motorcycle Organization. Two undercover ATF agents became "fully patched" members of the Warlocks motorcycle club and had contacts with members of the local Hells Angels chapter.

According to the statement of facts attached to the plea agreement, on May 3, 2003 the ATF undercover agents attended a party at the Hells Angels North Beach Clubhouse in Owings, Maryland

("Clubhouse"). At the Clubhouse the following day, co-defendant John Anthony Beal, president of Hells Angel, told Hall that an individual, later identified as an undercover ATF agent, was interested in purchasing drugs. Shortly after, Hall distributed methamphetamine, commonly called "crank," to the undercover agent.

A search warrant was executed on July 24, 2003 at Hall's residence at Owings, Maryland. Seized from the of the bedside table in Hall's bedroom was a CZ83 .380 caliber semi-automatic pistol, bearing serial number 77119, loaded with nine rounds in the magazine and one in the chamber.

The criminal charges result from an investigation by the Baltimore field office of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorneys Jane M. Erisman and Barbara S. Skalla.