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**NOTORIOUS MEMBER OF THE SEX, MONEY AND MURDER GANG SENTENCED  
TO LIFE IN FEDERAL PRISON FOR MURDER, OTHER CRIMES**

DAVID N. KELLEY, the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, announced today that SEAN CARR, a/k/a "Nut," a member of the violent Bloods gang called Sex, Money and Murder ("SMM"), was sentenced to life imprisonment without the possibility of parole plus five years in Manhattan federal court. On August 19, 2003, a Manhattan federal jury found CARR guilty, after a three-week trial before United States District Judge THOMAS P. GRIESA, of racketeering, racketeering conspiracy, murder, robbery, firearms and narcotics charges.

The murder charge stemmed from the August 18, 1994, murder of Tony Morton in the Soundview section of the Bronx. Today's sentence was imposed by Judge GRIESA.

CARR was arrested in May 2001 along with 13 other members of SMM. The other 13 gang members have all been convicted of racketeering, firearms or narcotics charges related

to their gang activities following guilty pleas.

Following his trial, CARR was convicted by a jury of being a member of Sex, Money and Murder, a set of the Bloods founded by Peter Rollack a/k/a "Pistol Pete," in 1993. The evidence presented at trial showed that CARR and the other members of SMM controlled the crack cocaine business in the Soundview Houses, a public housing project in the Soundview section of the Bronx, and in the streets immediately surrounding the Soundview Houses, between 1993 and May 2001. The testimony at trial demonstrated that members of SMM, including CARR, gave permission to certain individuals to sell marijuana and heroin in the immediate vicinity of the Soundview Houses, but prevented, through intimidation and violence, non-SMM members from selling crack in the area.

The Government presented evidence at trial that CARR and other members of SMM used public stores in the vicinity of Rosedale and Randall Avenues in the Bronx to distribute narcotics, and that they stored drugs and weapons in one of those stores. As part of the racketeering charges, CARR was also convicted of robbing two residents of the Soundview Houses at gunpoint with another member of SMM.

In addition, the evidence presented at trial demonstrated that CARR murdered a victim named Tony Morton on August 18, 1994 in order to increase and maintain CARR's position

in the gang. Testimony given by other gang members established that Morton, unknown to the members of SMM, had driven a white car through the neighborhood. Perceiving the car to be a threat, members of SMM pulled Morton and a passenger out of the car and began to interrogate and assault them. At that point, the testimony at trial showed that CARR executed Morton with a shot to the neck and a shot to the head.

This Indictment was one in a series of federal indictments from this District charging members and associates of Sex, Money and Murder. To date, approximately 53 individuals have been arrested and charged with federal crimes in connection with this investigation. The first of the large-scale SMM indictments was brought in 1998, when Peter Rollack, the founder of SMM, was charged with 10 other members of his gang in a 21-count federal racketeering Indictment charging them with a series of murders and attempted murders that left 8 people dead and at least 4 others seriously injured. That Indictment also charged Rollack and members of his gang with trafficking in cocaine and crack cocaine in New York City, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and North Carolina. In January 2000, Rollack pled guilty to the charges, admitting to having committed six murders, one attempted murder, and having conspired to murder another two people. He was thereafter sentenced to life plus 105 years'

imprisonment without parole under strict conditions of confinement.

The continuing investigation that has led to these indictments is a part of a broader effort of law enforcement agencies to suppress gang activity in the 43<sup>rd</sup> Precinct of the Bronx. The efforts have focused not only on investigating and arresting members of Sex, Money and Murder and other groups who have preyed upon the Castle Hill/Soundview neighborhoods and their residents, but also on preventive efforts, such as opening a Safe Haven in a neighborhood school to serve children and their families. The Safe Haven is a collaborative effort funded through the Department of Justice's Weed and Seed program with the participation of law enforcement agencies as well as the neighborhood residents, YMCA, Kip's Bay Boys and Girls Club, the Board of Education and many others. In addition to sponsoring after-school educational and recreational programs, the Safe Haven has also offered a series of Gang Prevention Workshops for children and their families.

In an effort to communicate directly the consequences of gang activity, this Office and its partners through Weed and Seed have begun and will continue to advise neighborhood youth of the penalties imposed on those who have chosen the path of violence. As each gang member has been sentenced, notices of the

sentence that the gang member received have been posted in areas where the gang members congregated, as well as on the streets that form the corridors to schools.

Mr. KELLEY praised the outstanding cooperative efforts of the New York City Police Department and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

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