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(Richmond, VA) – Darryl G. Ingram, Jr., age 22, of Richmond, Virginia, was convicted by a federal jury yesterday after a two day trial of conspiracy to distribute more than 50 grams of crack cocaine, conspiracy to interfere with commerce by threats and violence, interference with commerce by threats and violence and brandishing a firearm during the commission of a crime of violence. Ingram faces up to life imprisonment when he is sentenced by Chief United District Judge James R. Spencer on July 6, 2007. The convictions were announced by Chuck Rosenberg, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia; Edgar Domenech, Special-Agent in Charge, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF); Col. Henry Stanley, Chief of Police for the County of Henrico; and Col. Rodney Monroe, Chief, Richmond Police Department.

The evidence at trial showed that on January 22, 2004, Ingram, along with two others, entered the Davinci's Pizza Restaurant located at 4908 Government Road, in the Fulton Hill area of Richmond, Virginia. All three wore masks on their faces, and Ingram and one other were armed with hand guns. The three demanded money from the clerk, and one of the robbers pistol-whipped the clerk during the robbery. The three then took personal money from the clerk, money from the business cash register, pizza, and the store telephone, in an attempt to prevent the clerk from calling the police to report the robbery. During the course of the trial, evidence also established that Ingram was involved in a second armed robbery of the same business on August 7, 2004. On that occasion, one clerk was again pistol-whipped and a second clerk was assaulted.

The evidence further showed that Ingram was involved in a conspiracy to distribute in excess of one-and-one-half kilograms of crack cocaine in the Fulton Hill area of Richmond since 2004. More than 25 government witnesses testified at trial about Ingram's drug trafficking activities, highlighting the fact that Ingram was an armed street-level dealer.

The investigation was conducted by the ATF, Henrico County Police and the Richmond Police. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Charles E. James.

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