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## Attorney General Frosh Announces Conviction of Baltimore City Drug Dealer

Attorney General's Organized Crime Unit, with Assistance from Baltimore City Police Department, Secures Guilty Verdict

**BALTIMORE, MD** (March 13, 2019) – Maryland Attorney General Brian E. Frosh today announced that Anthony Brown, 28, of Baltimore City, was convicted of conspiracy to distribute, possession of a regulated firearm after a disqualifying conviction, as well as other related drug-distribution charges. Judge Handy sentenced Brown to 10 years incarceration, to be served after he completes a five-year federal sentence on separate drug-related charges.

Brown and eight co-defendants were indicted in 2017 for operating a drug-dealing organization in the 2200 Block of Christian Street in Southwest Baltimore. The indictments were the result of a two-month-long undercover operation, led by the Baltimore Police Department. Over the course of the operation, detectives made 29 purchases of heroin and cocaine. Each drug sale occurred within 1000 feet of Samuel F.B. Morse Elementary School, and all but two occurred during the hours of 7 a.m. and 10 a.m. During the execution of search warrants, Brown was found in the organization's stash house with drugs, scales, razor blades, and a firearm. At another co-defendant's house detectives recovered 400 gel caps of heroin and fentanyl.

Brown was the final co-defendant to have his case resolved. Seven co-defendants pleaded guilty to their charges, while the State declined to prosecute one defendant.

"Dismantling drug organizations and putting those members behind bars takes collaboration and solid investigative work," said Attorney General Frosh. "Brown's conviction and sentencing sends a message that law enforcement will track down and prosecute gangs and individuals who peddle drugs, fear and violence in our neighborhoods."

In making today's announcement, Attorney General Frosh thanked Organized Crime Chief Katie Dorian, Assistant Attorneys General Dennis Clark and Zachary Norfolk, who prosecuted the case.

Attorney General Frosh noted that the case could not have succeeded without the help and hard work of many agencies, including the undercover squad of the Baltimore Police Department, and the Baltimore City State's Attorney's Office.