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MEDIA RELEASE

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RE: Conviction of Kyla Royster

Albert J. Peisinger, Jr., State's Attorney for Harford County, announced today the conviction of Kyla Royster, 24, Edgewood, Maryland, for first degree assault.

On June 7, 2020, deputies of the Harford County Sheriff's Office were dispatched to Deerwood Court, Edgewood, Maryland. Upon arrival, deputies found a woman bleeding from slash wounds to her neck and face and a stab wound to her abdomen. Before being transported to Shock Trauma, the woman identified her assailant as "K." Deputies met with her again at the hospital, where she was able to identify a photograph of Kyla Royster as the woman who assaulted her. Deputies obtained a warrant and arrested Kyla Royster when she was found the following day.

On February 5, 2020, Kyla Royster admitted her guilt at a hearing before the Honorable M. Elizabeth Bowen. In exchange for her guilty plea, Judge Bowen sentenced her to twenty-five years, suspend all but ten years to serve, to be followed by five years of probation. The case was prosecuted by Assistant State's Attorney Jason I. Allen.

Mr. Peisinger thanked the Harford County Sheriff's Office, emergency response personnel, and the University of Maryland Medical System for their outstanding work and dedication in conducting the investigation that resulted in the conviction of Ms. Royster.