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## MEDIA RELEASE

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RE: Conviction of Brian Summerson

**(Bel Air, Maryland)** - Albert J. Peisinger, Jr., State's Attorney for Harford County, has announced the conviction of Brian Summerson, from Dillon, South Carolina for assault in the first degree and robbery.

On January 8, 2021, Harford County Sheriff's Detectives responded to Mercy Hospital for the report of an assault that had occurred earlier in Belcamp. Detectives interviewed the victim who indicated that she met a man online and agreed to meet him in Harford County. During the course of their interaction, the suspect strangled the victim and forced her to send him money through Cash App. The victim later provided phone numbers to Detectives and positively identified Brian Summerson through a photo array as her attacker. Detectives further discovered that Mr. Summerson was arrested in Florida after this incident for a similar crime and a Federal warrant had been issued for an alleged kidnapping in Tennessee.

Mr. Summerson was extradited to Harford County where he stood trial. Following a four-day bench trial in front of the Honorable Kevin J. Mahoney, Mr. Summerson was convicted of assault in the first degree and robbery. Sentencing has been scheduled for May 13, 2022 where he faces a maximum sentence of 40 years incarceration.

"This was a horrible crime that has forever changed the victim's life and I hope this conviction provides some closure for her," said Harford County State's Attorney Albert Peisinger, Jr. "As this case confirms, we will continue to be relentless in our pursuit of justice in Harford County, no matter where the perpetrators are from or where they may go. There is no place other than prison for people who come into our community and commit violent crime."

Mr. Peisinger thanked the Harford County Sheriff's Office for their response and investigation and Assistant State's Attorneys Cyndi Adkins and Toi Mason for their advocacy that resulted in the conviction of Mr. Summerson.