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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

DATE: March 30, 2022 RE: Murder Conviction

(**Bel Air, Maryland**) - Albert J. Peisinger, Jr., State's Attorney for Harford County, has announced that on March 29, 2022, a Harford County jury found Sherron Garrett, from Baltimore, Maryland, guilty of murder in the first degree, conspiracy to commit murder in the first degree, and possession of a regulated firearm by a person with a felony conviction, following a multi-day trial before the Honorable Kevin J. Mahoney. Sentencing is set for June 9, 2022.

On September 29, 2019, Harford County Sheriff's Deputies responded to 1931 Edgewater Drive for a reported shooting. Upon arrival, deputies located Deandre Sellers, who was suffering from multiple gunshot wounds. Despite immediate life-saving efforts by deputies and emergency services personnel, Mr. Sellers succumbed to his injuries and was pronounced deceased. Detectives responded to the scene and began an investigation. Witnesses at the scene revealed to investigators that Mr. Sellers was involved in a verbal altercation earlier that day which ended with a threat of violence against him. A further argument was reported at approximately 6:55 that evening just before three gunshots rang out.

Investigators located and collected three shell casings from the scene of the murder, as well as a cleaning rod to an SKS assault rifle. Seven days later, the SKS assault rifle itself was found by a concerned citizen and reported to law enforcement. Investigators were able to recover a fingerprint from tape around the gun and matched that fingerprint to Sheron Garrett. Further forensic testing by the Maryland State Police Forensic Sciences Division confirmed this weapon fired the casings at the murder scene. Mr. Garrett denied having been in Harford County on September 29 or for months prior, but cell data analysis provided by the Federal Bureau of Investigation demonstrated that he traveled from his home in Baltimore City to scene of the murder at the time of the shooting.

"The actions of Sheron Garrett were shocking, brutal and not only took a life, but victimized an entire neighborhood," said Harford County State's Attorney Albert Peisinger, Jr. "It is my hope that this verdict brings a measure of justice to the family of the victim of this callous and senseless act. As this case shows, my Office, together with our Federal, State and Local law enforcement partners, will continue to use all available tools to solve crimes and hold violent offenders accountable."

Mr. Peisinger further thanked the jurors who deliberated the case. He also praised the Harford County Sheriff's Office, the Maryland State Police Forensic Sciences Division, the Federal Bureau of Investigation as well as all other first responders for their efforts in rendering aid at the scene and for the extensive investigation that resulted in the conviction of Mr. Garrett. Additionally, he commended Assistant State's Attorneys Jason Allen and Charles Fitzpatrick for their exceptional advocacy in this highly complex case that resulted in this guilty verdict.