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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

DATE:December 22, 2022RE:Conviction and Sentencing of Milton Mondowney, III

(**Bel Air, Maryland**) — Albert J. Peisinger, Jr., State's Attorney for Harford County, has announced the conviction and sentencing of Milton Mondowney, III, 31, from Baltimore, Maryland, for murder in the first degree and use of a firearm in commission of a felony and crime of violence.

On Monday, May 30, 2022 at 5:23 a.m., Harford County Sheriff's Office deputies responded to 1904 North Fountain Green Road, Apartment 203, in Bel Air, Maryland, for a reported shooting. Upon arrival, deputies located Corey Samuels, 23, deceased as a result of multiple gunshot wounds to the torso and head. Detectives responded to the scene and began an investigation. Witness interviews and surveillance from the apartment complex revealed that Milton Mondowney, III, entered the apartment and shot Corey Samuels multiple times.

On December 14, 2022, Milton Mondowney, III, pled guilty to murder in the first degree and use of a firearm in commission of a felony and crime of violence. Following victim impact statements made by Mr. Samuels' parents and siblings, the Honorable Kevin Mahoney sentenced Mr. Mondowney to life suspend all but forty years to serve for the first-degree murder of Corey Samuels, and a concurrent twenty years suspend all but five years without parole to serve for the use of a firearm in commission of a felony and crime of violence. Upon completion of those sentences, Mr. Mondowney will be subject to five years of supervised probation.

"Senseless acts of violence in our communities will not be tolerated," said Harford County State's Attorney Albert J. Peisinger, Jr. "I am very proud of the work that my office and the Sheriff's Office did to hold Mr. Mondowney accountable for this tragedy in the name of pursuing justice for the victim and his family."

Mr. Peisinger expressed gratitude to the Harford County Sheriff's Office for their response and thorough investigation, as well as to Assistant State's Attorney Charles Fitzpatrick, whose diligence and advocacy led to the conviction of Mr. Mondowney.