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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**DATE:** July 23, 2024

**RE:** State v Sathrie Zach Robinson Jr.

On Thursday, July 18, 2024, Sathrie Zach Robinson Jr. was found guilty of Possession with Intent to Distribute Cocaine, Possession of a Firearm in a Drug Trafficking Crime, two counts of Possession of a Controlled Dangerous Substance, specifically cocaine and methamphetamine, Possession of a Firearm with a Prior Felony Conviction, Illegal Possession of a Firearm, Handgun on Person, Loaded Handgun on Person, and Illegal Possession of Ammunition following a three day jury trial before the Honorable Kevin J. Mahoney in the Circuit Court for Harford County.

Evidence presented at trial proved that on May 27, 2023, at 0416 hours, Havre de Grace Police Department was dispatched to Harford Memorial Hospital located at 501 S Union Ave in Havre de Grace, Maryland, for the report of an armed subject. Sathrie Zach Robinson Jr. had been admitted for injuries relating to a motor vehicle collision. Upon review of the X-ray results of Mr. Robinson, hospital staff identified a cylindrical object, inconsistent with normal human anatomy, observed in the groin region of defendant. Officers conducted a search of Robinson's person and found a loaded firearm with hollow point ammunition, 100.8 grams of Cocaine, and 5.4 grams of Methamphetamine. Officers later found a scale and packaging materials in the Defendant's personal belongings. Robinson was prohibited from possessing a firearm due to convictions for First Degree Assault and a federal conviction for Distribution of a Controlled Dangerous Substance.

Following the guilty verdict State's Attorney Alison M. Healey offered the following statement: "My office will continue to aggressively pursue the criminals responsible for distributing these dangerous substances on our streets, as too many lives are lost as a result of this very serious crime. With the addition of the illegal possession of a loaded firearm in this case, the State will request that this repeat offender receive a sentence of a significant period of incarceration, removing the threat that he poses to our community."

State's Attorney Healey thanks Assistant State's Attorney Gabriella Vazzana for her efforts in securing this conviction as well as PFC Klisavage for his investigation and Detective Sandruck for his expert testimony which was necessary to ensure a guilty verdict.

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Sentencing in this case is currently set for August 19, 2024. The defendant will also appear before the court for a Violation of Probation in a 2015 First Degree Assault case, where he could be sentenced to additional time.