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### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

DATE: February 13, 2025

RE: State v. Wesley Larry Lyons Jr. – SENTENCING UPDATE

On Thursday, February 13, 2025, Wesley Larry Lyons Jr. was sentenced by the Honorable Diane Adkins-Tobin following his December 2024 conviction for Attempted Second Degree Murder, Use of a Firearm in the Commission of a Crime of Violence, Illegal Possession of a Regulated Firearm After Being Convicted of a Disqualifying Crime, Loaded Handgun on Person, and five (5) counts of Reckless Endangerment in the Circuit Court for Harford County. The conviction stemmed from a June 2024 shooting in the Harford Mall, followed by a 28-day manhunt that led to Lyons' arrest.

Assistant State's Attorneys Vincenzo Culotta and Frank Van Dyke argued for a sentence of 93 years to serve, sending a very clear message in their arguments that Harford County will not tolerate senseless acts of violence. Ultimately, Judge Adkins-Tobin sentenced the Defendant to 93 years, suspending all but 65 years to serve, the first 20 years of the sentence without the possibility of parole. Additionally, because this conviction is a crime of violence, Lyons will not be eligible for a parole review until at least half of his sentence is served.

Following the sentencing, State's Attorney Alison M. Healey stated: "This significant sentence sends the message loud and clear that gun violence that endangers the lives of our citizens has no place in Harford County. Wesley Lyons will likely spend the rest of his life in prison, and I am incredibly proud of the hard work that my office is doing to ensure the safety of our community. As promised, we are trying cases, securing strong and lengthy sentences, and working hand in hand with our law enforcement partners to ensure the public safety of Harford County."

State's Attorney Healey continues to express her thanks to Assistant State's Attorneys Vincenzo Culotta and Frank Van Dyke for their incredible efforts in securing this significant sentence as well as to Bel Air Police Department Detectives Vivino and Marchesani for their partnership from start to finish on this case.

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