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RE: State v Charles Alfred Webster Jr.

On Monday, July 29, 2024, Charles Alfred Webster Jr., 50, of Abingdon, was found guilty Attempted First Degree Murder, First Degree Assault, Use of a Firearm in the Commission of a Crime of Violence, Illegal Possession of a Firearm by a Prohibited Person with a Felony Conviction, Reckless Endangerment, and Loaded Handgun in Vehicle, following a three-day jury trial before the Honorable Kevin J. Mahoney in the Circuit Court of Harford County.

Facts presented during trial showed that on Wednesday, June 21, 2023, at approximately 9:30 a.m., the victim in this case was completing her Amazon Flex delivery route for the day in the Woodsdale apartment complex in Abingdon, Maryland. While driving out of the complex on Waldon Road, a black Audi sedan with no registration plates pulled alongside the victim's driver's side window with its windows down. Thinking the person was asking directions, the victim lowered her driver's window. Without a word, the driver of the Audi then raised his arm, holding a black handgun, and aimed it at the victim's face. She quickly stomped on the gas pedal as she heard a single shot ring out. Ducking down near her dashboard while holding the gas pedal down, the victim fled the area, ultimately arriving at Wawa on Woodsdale Road where she called 911 for help.

Deputies from the Harford County Sheriff's Office responded to the call, observing a bullet hole entering through the victim's rear driver's side window and exiting through her rear passenger side window. As deputies were relaying identifying information regarding the suspect's Audi sedan, the vehicle was observed driving northbound on Route 924 near Ring Factory Elementary. A traffic stop was conducted, and the victim was transported to the scene where she was able to positively identify the driver as the man that shot at her. The defendant, Charles Alfred Webster, Jr., was identified as the driver of the Audi and taken into custody without incident. At the time of his arrest, in plain view on the driver's seat, was a spent 9mm ammunition casing. The Harford County Sheriff's Office Forensic Services Unit conducted a further lawful search of the defendant's vehicle and apartment, which revealed a firearm purchase box for a Springfield Armory 9mm handgun on the nightstand in the master bedroom.

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It was also determined that the defendant was prohibited from lawfully possessing a firearm pursuant to his 1998 felony conviction for Assault in the First Degree in Delaware.

Following the conviction, State's Attorney Alison M. Healey commented, "This was truly a senseless act of violence, as the defendant and the victim were not known to each other prior to the day of this incident. This victim showed tremendous bravery by facing her attacker in court and testifying to ensure his conviction in this case. I hope that she can find some peace in knowing that justice was served and that this person will never be a threat to her again."

State's Attorney Healey thanks Deputy State's Attorney Trena Manners for her hard work and advocacy in securing this conviction. She also extends her gratitude to Detective Maddox, Lieutenant Burgess, and all of the members of the Harford County Sheriff's Office that assisted in the investigation and swift apprehension of this Defendant.