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Ellicott City Man Found Guilty of Assault in Road Rage Incident Involving a Pointed Handgun

Howard County, MD (October 27, 2022) – Dominic Cole Davis, age 27, was found guilty today of two counts of first-degree assault, two counts of second-degree assault, and use of a handgun in the commission of a crime from a road rage incident in Columbia earlier this year.

On May 31, 2022, Ronald Warner and Jerry Gollick, Jr., were inside their vehicle at the Walmart parking lot in the 6400 block of Dobbin Road in Columbia when they had an encounter with Dominic Cole Davis. As Warner was attempting to exit the parking lot, Davis, who was in his vehicle, raised his middle finger and displayed it toward Warner. Warner then raised his middle finger and gestured back toward Davis. Davis then followed behind Warner in his vehicle, went around Warner's vehicle to get in front of him and then stopped his vehicle in front of Warner on Route 175. As Warner attempted to drive around Davis' vehicle to get away, Davis rolled down his window and pointed a handgun at both Warner and Gollick, Jr. Warner immediately called police and reported the incident.

At approximately 5:48PM, Howard County Police were dispatched to Little Patuxent Parkway at Governor Warfield Parkway for a weapons violation. Police were able to locate Davis' vehicle in the area and executed a traffic stop. Officers asked Davis if he had any weapons in his car and he told them his gun was located on the passenger side in a black book bag. When police conducted their search, they found Davis' gun inside the book bag. Warner was able to positively identify Davis as the person who pointed the gun at him and Gollick, Jr. on Route 175. Davis had a wear and carry permit to legally carry the firearm.

"If you are someone who has the right to lawfully carry a gun, that right comes with the increased responsibility of handling that weapon in an appropriate way," said State's Attorney Rich Gibson. "If someone in our community handles that weapon irresponsibly, we will do all we can to ensure there will be a severe consequence and today's guilty verdict reflects that. The defendant in this case, while lawfully carrying a handgun, took it upon himself to behave in an unlawful manner during a road rage incident and will now face a period of incarceration."

Sentencing is set for November 21, 2022. Deputy State's Attorney Josh J. Felsen prosecuted this case.

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