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For Immediate Release:

Columbia Man Found Guilty of First-Degree Murder in Fatal Shooting of Young Man

Howard County, MD (October 24, 2022) – Franck Herman Ngande, age 25, was convicted today by a Howard County Circuit Court jury of first-degree murder, attempted first-degree murder, two counts of first-degree assault, reckless endangerment, two counts of use of a firearm in the commission of a crime of violence, and possession of a rifle having been convicted of a disqualifying crime in the shooting death of 21-year-old Taiwan Dashon Dorsey of Columbia.

On Saturday, July 20, 2019, Howard County Police responded to the 12000 block of Little Patuxent Parkway at approximately 1:28pm for a report that a man had been shot. Once officers arrived at the scene, they located Dorsey who was suffering from a gunshot wound.

Investigation by police revealed that Dorsey and a friend had an ongoing dispute with Ngande. On the day of the shooting, Dorsey and the friend went to Ngande's neighborhood where a fight ensued. After the altercation ended, Ngande went into his residence, retrieved a rifle, and fired multiple shots at Dorsey and his friend as they fled the scene. Dorsey was struck once in the back and ran toward Little Patuxent Parkway, where he later collapsed. Dorsey was transported to Maryland Shock Trauma Center where he later died.

Police apprehended Ngande on July 22, 2019, in the area of Little Patuxent Parkway without incident.

"Ngande's actions in this case are disturbing and will not be tolerated. A physical altercation is not worth taking someone's life or potentially endangering nearby citizens by carelessly shooting a rifle in a neighborhood," said State's Attorney Rich Gibson. "We are grateful for today's guilty verdict which was the result of a collaborative effort of our outstanding police officers, the community, and the prosecutors assigned to the case."

Sentencing is tentatively set for 12/22/22 pending a pre-sentence investigation report. The first-degree murder charge carries a maximum sentence of life in prison.

Major Crimes Unit Chief Douglas L. Nelsen and Assistant State's Attorney Dillon C. Yeung prosecuted this case.

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