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## **Columbia Man Found Guilty of First-Degree Murder in Fatal Shooting of Young Man Sentenced to Life in Prison Without Parole**

Howard County, MD (March 3, 2023) – Franck Herman Ngande, age 25, was sentenced today to life without parole for the fatal shooting of 21-year-old Taiwan Dashon Dorsey plus life for the attempted murder of another individual plus an additional 40 years for other related crimes in the shooting death of Dorsey in 2019. On October 24, 2022, Ngande was found guilty by a Howard County Circuit Court jury of 1st-degree murder, attempted 1st-degree murder, two counts of 1<sup>st</sup>-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.

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.

"The defendant made the choice to fire a gun in our community, taking the life of one victim and nearly killing another while exposing everyone in that neighborhood to lethal harm," said State's Attorney Rich Gibson. "The sentence handed out today should send a clear and resounding message that violence will not be tolerated here and those who engage in violent actions in Howard County will receive a severe sanction."

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

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