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Howard County State's Attorney's Office Announces 50-Year Sentence in Armed Road Rage Case

Ellicott City, MD — Howard County State's Attorney Rich Gibson announced today that Quwan Lamar Gordon, 48, has been sentenced to 50 years in prison following his conviction earlier this year for his role in a violent road rage shooting on Interstate 95 in Howard County. The sentencing took place today in the Circuit Court for Howard County.

On January 31, 2025, following a three-day jury trial, Gordon was found guilty of attempted second-degree murder, first-degree assault, and multiple firearms-related offenses. These charges stemmed from an August 12th, 2024, incident in which Gordon fired a weapon at another motorist because he did not like the way the motorist (victim) was driving on I-95. The victims (both driver and passenger) were not injured; however, two bullets did strike the victim's vehicle. The midday confrontation posed a grave risk to public safety.

Maryland State Police initiated the investigation after a truck driver witnessed the shooting and captured a photo of the suspect vehicle, a white Volkswagen. The witness's account corroborated with that of the victim, who reported being targeted in a road rage dispute.

Investigators from the Maryland State Police Highway Gun Crimes Initiative identified Gordon as the suspect and executed search warrants at his residence in Owings Mills and on his vehicle. These searches uncovered a loaded handgun and felony quantities of suspected MDMA and fentanyl. Gordon, a felon prohibited from possessing firearms, was initially charged with narcotics and weapons violations before being formally charged with attempted second-degree murder on August 23, 2024.

"Today's sentencing sends a clear message that gun violence on our roadways will not be tolerated," said State's Attorney Rich Gibson. "Thanks to the meticulous work of the Maryland State Police and our dedicated prosecution team, we were able to bring Mr.

Gordon to justice and ensure the safety of our community. We commend the bravery of the witness who stepped forward and the investigators who connected the dots in a complex and dangerous case.”

This case was prosecuted by Senior Assistant State’s Attorney Mike McAllister, who is also the head of our General Crimes Unit (GCU). The State’s Attorney’s Office applauded the efforts of Maryland State Police investigators and expressed gratitude for the collaborative efforts that led to Gordon’s conviction and substantial sentence.

"We commend the Office of the State's Attorney in Howard County for holding those who commit violent crimes accountable," said Colonel Roland L. Butler, Jr., Superintendent of the Maryland State Police. "While we continue to work with our law enforcement partners to combat violent confrontations on our highways, we remind motorists to stay calm, avoid engaging with aggressive drivers to prioritize safety and to call 9-1-1 to report dangerous behavior."

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