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### **AG Frosh: Serial Robber Sentenced to 25 Years in Prison** *Kevin Harris Responsible for at least 13 Commercial Robberies Across Multiple Jurisdictions*

**BALTIMORE, MD (October 13, 2016)** – Maryland Attorney General Brian E. Frosh announced today that the Honorable Mary Kramer of the Circuit Court for Howard County sentenced Kevin Harris, 50, to 90 years with all but 25 years suspended for a series of robberies that occurred across Maryland in March.

Harris was prosecuted by the Organized Crime Unit of the Office of the Attorney General, in coordination with the Howard County State’s Attorney’s Office. Harris was responsible for at least 13 commercial robberies across multiple jurisdictions, including Howard County, Baltimore City, and Baltimore County, during the month of March 2016.

According to the State, Harris entered the establishments wearing a mask and gloves and demanded money from the cashiers, each time threatening force, and, on several occasions, using physical force to obtain money. Each time Harris insinuated that he was carrying a weapon and, at the time of his arrest, a knife was recovered by investigators. Harris’ record includes a conviction for carrying a handgun and three convictions for felony narcotics distribution.

This case was the product of an investigation by the FBI Baltimore Violent Crimes Task Force, Howard County Police Department, Baltimore City Police Department, and Baltimore County Police Department.

“The sentencing from Judge Kramer puts a serial armed robber out of circulation. This defendant victimized people and businesses all over our state, and because of the coordination amongst law enforcement in those jurisdictions, we were able to bring him to justice,” said Attorney General Frosh. “I commend the FBI Baltimore Violent Crimes Task Force, the Baltimore City, Baltimore County and Howard County police departments, as well as the Howard County, Baltimore City and Baltimore County State’s Attorney’s Offices for their work and collaboration on this case. When we, as law enforcement agencies work together, it makes an impact on crime in our communities.”

“When anyone enters a commercial establishment with the intent of robbing it, even if a weapon is not shown, there is always a chance someone could get hurt, or worse. For that reason, serial bank robbers like Mr. Harris require more than ever close collaboration between the FBI and our

local and state law enforcement partners to bring them to justice," said Gordon B. Johnson, Special Agent in Charge of the Baltimore FBI.

"I am extremely proud of the collaborative effort put forth in order to ensure this defendant was brought to justice and will no longer be able to terrorize or threaten the hardworking citizens and businesses in our state. This case is yet another example of law enforcement partners working together to effectively hold reckless criminals accountable," said Baltimore City State's Attorney Marilyn Mosby.

"Crime has no borders but thanks to our law enforcement partners, we were able to respond cohesively and effectively to bring Mr. Harris to justice and to make our communities safe," said Howard County State's Attorney Dario J. Broccolino.

In making this announcement, Attorney General Frosh thanked Organized Crime Chief Katie Dorian, Assistant Attorney General Melissa E. Hoppmeyer, and Special Assistant Attorney General for Howard County Joanna Miller.

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