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### **Prince George's County Man Sentenced for Robbery and Solicitation to Commit Assault**

#### ***Defendant Solicited Juveniles to Carry Out Revenge Plot***

**BALTIMORE, MD (March 16, 2018)** – Maryland Attorney General Brian E. Frosh today announced that the Honorable Cathy Serrette of the Circuit Court for Prince George's County sentenced Tuvell Baylor, 22, of District Heights, on one count of solicitation to commit first-degree assault and one count of robbery. After a nearly two-hour sentencing hearing, Judge Serrette sentenced Baylor to 25 years, all suspended except 20 years on the solicitation to commit first-degree assault and a consecutive 15 years, all suspended, on the robbery, all to be followed by five years of supervised probation.

In the fall of 2016, while serving a sentence for robbery and a sex offense, Baylor began a long-distance romantic relationship with a juvenile. The pair communicated almost daily through letters and frequent phone calls that were recorded on the inmate telephone system. Baylor told the teenager that he believed the victim in this case was responsible for his incarceration and that he wanted revenge. Baylor repeatedly solicited both the juvenile with whom he was involved and another female juvenile accomplice to carry out the attack on his victim. Baylor meticulously orchestrated the attack, including when and how his accomplices should contact the victim, the pretext under which to lure the victim, and where the attack should take place.

On December 10, 2016, the victim met her attackers on the pretext of visiting Baylor in jail. Baylor spoke on the phone with his juvenile accomplices throughout the day and right up until minutes before the attack. His juvenile accomplices led the victim onto an isolated path in Oxon Hill and kicked and stomped her for several minutes across her entire body, including her face and head. Just as Baylor had instructed, the attackers then proceeded to rob the victim of her cell phone and other personal belongings before abandoning the victim. The victim was treated at a local hospital and released, but never recovered her cell phone or other belongings.

“Mr. Baylor used his influence and charm to orchestrate a violent attack against the victim,” said Attorney General Frosh. “With the help of our law enforcement partners, we were able to ensure he remained behind bars and bring justice to the victim.”

This was not the first instance where Baylor solicited female juveniles to carry out attacks on young female victims on his behalf. In 2014, Baylor was charged and pleaded guilty in two similar cases in which he befriended his young female victims over social media before soliciting juvenile female accomplices to carry out the assaults on the victims.

At the sentencing hearing, the State presented evidence of the prior two convictions and played for Judge Serrette portions of jail calls in which Baylor gave graphic instructions to his juvenile accomplice. The State also presented to the court a letter Baylor wrote to his juvenile accomplice plotting future violence as well as a list of potential victims.

**In making today's announcement, Attorney General Frosh thanked Organized Crime Unit Chief, Katie Dorian, Assistant Attorney General Dennis Clark, former Assistant Attorney General Melissa Hoppmeyer, and Lieutenant Patrick Hampson of the Prince George's County Police Department for their work on the case.**