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Attorney General Frosh Announces Convictions in Connection with Organized Retail Theft Conspiracy

BALTIMORE, MD (August 24, 2018) – Maryland Attorney General Brian E. Frosh today announced the convictions of three defendants in connection with their participation in a large-scale organized retail theft scheme. Donna Moye (40), Tyrayah Graham (23), and Tiara Baker (20) pleaded guilty in the Circuit Court for Baltimore City. Graham and Baker pleaded guilty to conspiracy to commit a theft scheme of \$100,000 or more. Moye pleaded guilty to theft scheme over \$100,000.

“These women planned and operated a brazen, coordinated shoplifting ring,” said Attorney General Frosh. “Many of them walked into a store together, overwhelmed what security was present, grabbed expensive merchandise and fled.”

Graham and Baker acted as high-level “boosters,” shoplifting merchandise from retail stores with the intent of reselling the stolen items for monetary or other gain. Moye acted as an intermediary between the “boosters” and a “fence” who was operating a store of stolen merchandise at a residence on N. Port Street in Baltimore City.

Between January 2017 and June 2017, the defendants committed thefts of thousands of dollars of merchandise at multiple locations, often caught on surveillance video. The women targeted clothing and accessories retailers such as Dick’s Sporting Goods, Victoria’s Secret and Pink, Hollister, and ULTA. Members of the conspiracy would enter a store together, select large quantities of merchandise from store displays and conceal the items in bags brought into the store with them, then exit the store without paying. Images of the stolen goods were then posted on Instagram to advertise the items. The posts also included comments discussing prices, brands and instructions on how to purchase the stolen merchandise.

Baker was sentenced to six years in prison, beginning March 16, 2018. Her sentence will run concurrently with that imposed in another unrelated case. Moye was sentenced to 10 years, with all but time served suspended, and three years’ supervised probation.

Graham will be sentenced on September 25, 2018. Cases involving two additional defendants, Lisa Williams and Lyric McLaughlin, are pending in the Circuit Court for Baltimore City.

The case was prosecuted by the Attorney General’s Fraud and Corruption Task Force. The Attorney General thanks Special Assistant Attorney General Stephannie Krulevitz and the Office of the State Prosecutor, Special Assistant Attorney General Natalie D’Antonio and Anne

Arundel County State's Attorney Wes Adams, Baltimore County State's Attorney Scott Shellenberger, Montgomery County State's Attorney John McCarthy, and the Maryland State Police for their assistance in the investigation and prosecution.