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### **Attorney General Frosh Announces Sentencing of Baltimore Man for Felony Illegal Possession of a Firearm**

#### ***Defendant Sent to Prison for Gun Found During Search Warrant***

**BALTIMORE, MD (April 16, 2019)** – Maryland Attorney General Brian E. Frosh today announced the sentencing of Clinton Davis, 37, of Baltimore, to seven years’ incarceration for felony illegal possession of a firearm. At sentencing, the State noted Davis’s lengthy criminal record, including that he was on probation for two other cases of illegal possession of a firearm at the time of these events. The State asked for a lengthy prison sentence, highlighting Davis’s lack of remorse and multiple probation and parole violations. The Court sentenced the defendant to 15 years’ incarceration, suspending all but seven years, and five years’ supervised probation upon release. At the State’s request, the Court ordered that the first five years of his sentence be served without the benefit of parole. The Court also sentenced Davis to serve a concurrent five-year sentence for illegal receipt of a firearm.

On July 18, 2018, law enforcement officers executed a search warrant at Davis’s home in Baltimore and recovered a firearm in his sock drawer. Davis is prohibited from possessing a firearm due to four prior convictions for crimes of violence and two prior convictions for felony drug charges. In a post-*Miranda* statement to police that was played at trial, Davis admitted to possessing the gun, and told officers how he acquired it approximately one year earlier.

In January of this year, following a seven-day bench trial before the Honorable Nancy M. Purpura of the Circuit Court for Baltimore County, Assistant Attorneys General Jared Albert and Erin Wrenn presented testimony from law enforcement witnesses who recovered and test-fired the weapon, as well as civilians who testified regarding the circumstances under which Davis acquired the weapon. Testimony at trial revealed that the firearm recovered from Davis’s sock drawer was the gun that had previously been used by Davis’s associates in the murder of Sebastian Dvorak in the Canton neighborhood of Baltimore City in June, 2017. On January 30, 2019, Davis was found guilty of felony illegal possession of a firearm and illegal receipt of a firearm.

“Clinton Davis is going to spend the next seven years behind bars for possessing a firearm he wasn’t legally allowed to have and had been used in the commission of a horrific murder,” said Attorney General Frosh. “His sentencing will bring a small measure of relief to the family and friends of Sebastian Dvorak, and will take a violent, repeat criminal off the streets.”

The investigation was led by the Attorney General's Organized Crime Unit, the Baltimore City Police Department's undercover and homicide squads, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Safe Streets Task Force.

"This arrest is an example of the partnership we have with federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies in our region," said Baltimore Police Commissioner Michael Harrison. "We will continue to target the individuals responsible for violence in our community, and they will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law."

"Today's sentence highlights the good work that comes from collaboration with our partner agencies, and makes it clear that those who are illegally in possession of a firearm are offenders of the law and will not be tolerated," said Acting SAC Brian Nadeau of the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Baltimore Field Office.

In making today's announcement, Attorney General Frosh thanked Organized Crime Unit Chief Katie Dorian and Assistant Attorneys General Jared Albert, Zachary Norfolk, and Erin Wrenn. The Attorney General also thanked the Baltimore City Police Department and the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Baltimore Field Office for their partnership in this investigation. Additionally, Attorney General Frosh thanked DEA Assistant Special Agent in Charge for the Baltimore District Office Don Hibbert, State's Attorney for Baltimore City Marilyn Mosby, State's Attorney for Baltimore County Scott Shellenberger, U.S. Attorney for the District of Maryland Robert Hur, and Baltimore County Police Chief Terrence Sheridan for their assistance with this prosecution.