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PRESS RELEASE

Attorney General Frosh Announces Convictions of Three Baltimore Men for Gang Participation and Other Charges Related to the Murder of Sebastian Dvorak

One Defendant Convicted of Accessory After the Fact to Dvorak's Murder

BALTIMORE, MD (August 30, 2019) – Maryland Attorney General Brian E. Frosh today announced the convictions of three Baltimore men on charges under the Maryland criminal gang statute, one of whom was also convicted of accessory after the fact to the first-degree murder of Sebastian Tucker Dvorak. Dvorak was robbed and killed on June 13, 2017, on Boston Street in the Canton neighborhood of Baltimore City while walking home from a night of celebrating his 27th birthday.

Over the course of the year-long investigation, law enforcement built a case on a criminal enterprise known as "500" or "500 L," that operated throughout Maryland, but whose main territory was the intersection of the 2500 block of Jefferson Street and the 400 block of N. Rose Street in East Baltimore. The organization facilitated the sale of various drugs to undercover officers, including, but not limited to, heroin, fentanyl, cocaine, oxycodone, marijuana, and a dangerous synthetic compound, N-ethylpentylone hydrochloride, which the gang represented to be MDMA, more commonly known as ecstasy. N-ethylpentylone hydrochloride was not scheduled at the time, but is now a Schedule I controlled dangerous substance.

Robert Lewis, 39, of Baltimore, was convicted of, among other things, gang participation, accessory after the fact to first-degree murder, illegal transfer of a regulated firearm, conspiracy to distribute controlled dangerous substances, and two counts of distribution of a non-controlled substance represented to be a controlled dangerous substance. Testimony at trial revealed that Lewis provided the weapon that was ultimately used to kill Sebastian Dvorak to another gang member, retrieved the weapon back after the murder from that gang member, and then helped get rid of the weapon and counseled that gang member to change his appearance to avoid detection by law enforcement.

Keith Worthington, 34, of Baltimore, was convicted of, among other things, gang participation, illegal possession of a shotgun by a disqualified person, illegal possession of a sawed-off shotgun, illegal possession of ammunition, conspiracy to distribute controlled dangerous substances, six counts of distribution or possession with intent to distribute heroin, one count of distribution of cocaine, two counts of distribution or possession with intent to distribute marijuana, and eleven counts of distribution of a non-controlled substance represented to be a controlled dangerous substance.

Harvey Turner, 30, of Baltimore, was convicted of, among other things, gang participation, conspiracy to distribute controlled dangerous substances, and distribution of a non-controlled substance represented to be a controlled dangerous substance.

"Thanks to the incredible work of our team and law enforcement partners, Mr. Dvorak's parents were able to see some justice served in the horrific murder of their son," said Attorney General Frosh. "Now three extremely dangerous gang members are off the streets and can no longer harm people in our communities."

"I have said many times that reducing violent crime in Baltimore will require a coordinated effort by local, state and federal law enforcement agencies," said BPD Commissioner Michael Harrison. "This case is a great example of what can be achieved when we work together. I want to thank and congratulate all the men and women who worked the case for getting these violent criminals off the street, and keeping them off."

The trial took place before the Honorable Nancy M. Purpura of the Circuit Court for Baltimore County. Sentencing for Harvey Turner has been scheduled for November 15, 2019. Sentencing for Keith Worthington has been scheduled for November 26, 2019. Sentencing for Robert Lewis has been set for December 2, 2019.

Malik Mungo, 19, of Baltimore, is charged with the first-degree murder of Sebastian Dvorak, and remains incarcerated pending trial, which is scheduled for the end of January 2020.

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.

In making today's announcement, Attorney General Frosh thanked Organized Crime Chief Katie Dorian, Assistant Attorney General Zachary Norfolk, and Assistant Attorneys General Jared Albert and Erin Wrenn, who prosecuted these cases. The Attorney General also thanked BPD Commissioner Harrison and FBI Special Agent in Charge Boone for their partnership in this investigation. Attorney General Frosh also thanked U.S. Attorney for the District of Maryland Robert Hur, State's Attorney for Baltimore County Scott Shellenberger, State's Attorney for Baltimore City Marilyn Mosby, DEA Assistant Special Agent in Charge for the Baltimore District Office Don Hibbert, Baltimore County Police Chief Melissa Hyatt, and Baltimore County Sheriff R. Jay Fisher.

If anyone has any information relating to the murder of Sebastian Dvorak, please call 410-265-8080.