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Attorney General Frosh Announces Conviction of Malik Mungo for the June 2017 Murder of Sebastian Dvorak and Gang Offenses *Mungo is the Last of 13 Defendants to be Convicted*

BALTIMORE, MD (October 19, 2021) – Maryland Attorney General Brian E. Frosh today announced the conviction of Malik Mungo, 21, of Baltimore, for the June 2017 robbery and murder of Sebastian Dvorak, as well as gang-related charges. 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. The jury convicted Mungo of first-degree felony murder, robbery, gang participation resulting in death, gang participation, and conspiring to participate in a gang. During an earlier trial in this case, Mungo was convicted of drug and firearm offenses, including drug distribution, and illegal possession of a regulated firearm.

Mungo was [indicted along with 12 co-defendants in August of 2018](#) for gang, drug, and gun offenses in addition to the robbery and murder of Dvorak. Mungo's conviction marks the end of the case, with all 13 defendants having either pleaded guilty or having been convicted at trial. Additionally, in early 2020, Mungo's accomplice was identified, apprehended, and convicted of his involvement in Dvorak's murder.

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.

Over the course of a year-long investigation, law enforcement built a case on a criminal gang known as "500" or "500 L," which operated throughout Maryland, including the 500 block of North Rose Street in Baltimore City. The organization was a subset of the Bloods gang. The organization sold various drugs, including but not limited to, heroin, fentanyl, cocaine, oxycodone, marijuana, and MDMA. The defendants also exerted control over their territory through possession and trafficking of firearms. Members would swap weapons after they were used in crimes. The gang maintained a communal gun in one of its stash houses and on one occasion, a gang member sold a sawed-off shotgun to an undercover detective.

The 500 L organization was responsible for acts of violence, including the murder of Sebastian Dvorak. During trial, which began on October 6, 2021, the jury heard testimony that established that in early June 2017, shortly before the murder, one of the gang's leaders, Robert Lewis, provided a handgun to Malik Mungo. On June 13, 2017, Dvorak was walking home after

celebrating his 27th birthday when Malik Mungo and another individual robbed him, shot him in the chest, and then fled. The jury heard evidence that Mungo possessed Dvorak's cell phone and Nintendo Switch gaming device shortly after the incident. After surveillance footage was circulated by the police, other members of the gang collaborated to cover up the murder, including disposing of the firearm and counseling Mungo to change his appearance.

"We hope this outcome brings a measure of solace to the parents and loved ones of Sebastian Dvorak," said Attorney General Frosh. "We appreciate the cooperation and bravery of witnesses who stepped up and played a crucial role in helping deliver justice in this important case. And we are grateful to Organized Crime Unit Chief Katie Dorian, Assistant Attorneys General Erin Wrenn and Jared Albert, the investigators, and our law enforcement partners for their countless hours of hard work in holding all 13 defendants accountable for their actions."

"Members of the 500 L gang used violence as their calling card, flooding the streets with fear as they tried to tear down our neighborhoods and terrorize our communities. We cannot, and will not, let them get away with it. Too many families have suffered because of their cold-blooded actions," said Thomas J. Sobocinski, Special Agent in Charge of the FBI Baltimore Field Office. "While this conviction cannot undo the damage that was done by Malik Mungo and the other 12 convicted defendants, today we are sending a clear message that we will continue to pursue the most violent and persistent offenders and hold them accountable for their blatant disregard for human life and safe communities."

In making today's announcement, Attorney General Frosh thanked Mr. Dvorak's family and friends for their continuing dedication and support throughout this process, as well as the numerous law enforcement witnesses who stayed committed to this case until its conclusion.

Attorney General Frosh recognized the work of Organized Crime Chief Katie Dorian, and Assistant Attorneys General Jared Albert and Erin Wrenn who prosecuted the case. The Attorney General thanked Baltimore City Police Commissioner Michael S. Harrison and Special Agent in Charge of the FBI Baltimore Field Office Thomas J. Sobocinski for their partnership in this investigation. Attorney General Frosh also thanked State's Attorney for Baltimore City Marilyn Mosby, State's Attorney for Baltimore County Scott Shellenberger, U.S. Attorney for the District of Maryland Erek L. Barron, and Baltimore County Police Chief Melissa R. Hyatt.

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