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For Immediate Release:

Baltimore Man Found Guilty of Shooting, Tasing and Pistol Whipping a Man

Ellicott City, MD (October 21, 2019) - After a four-day trial in Howard County Circuit Court, Winston Alfonso Cook, Jr., age 38, of Baltimore, Maryland was found guilty of attempted second degree murder, kidnapping, conspiracy to commit kidnapping, first degree assault, conspiracy to commit first degree assault, use of a handgun in the commission of a felony and conspiracy to use a handgun in the commission of a felony, false imprisonment, and conspiracy to commit false imprisonment.

On February 1, 2018 at approximately 11:24 PM, Howard County Police responded to the 7100 block of Natures Road in Columbia, Maryland for a report of an assault with a firearm. A police investigation revealed that Cook and at least two other individuals had shot a male victim in the leg, tased him in the neck, and pistol whipped him on the back of his head before forcing him into a van. Cook and the others then drove the victim from the area of Owen Brown toward the area of Kings Contrivance. The victim was able to escape from the moving van.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant State's Attorneys Tricia L. Cecil and Stephen P. Yaeger.

Sentencing is set for March 3, 2020 in front of the Honorable John J. Kuchno.

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