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Quanta Worrell Sentenced for March 2020 Murders of Dimarcus Waldo and Stephen Sanders in Baltimore City

BALTIMORE, MD (March 8, 2023) – Maryland Attorney General Anthony G. Brown today announced the conviction and sentencing of Quanta Worrell, 31, of Baltimore, for the March 2020 murders of Dimarcus Waldo and Stephen Sanders. Worrell pleaded guilty to two counts of first-degree murder and two counts of using a firearm in the commission of a crime of violence for his role in the murders of Mr. Waldo and Mr. Sanders. The Honorable Judge Kendra Y. Ausby of the Baltimore City Circuit Court sentenced Worrell to a total sentence of life in prison with all but 60 years suspended.

On March 25, 2020, Dimarcus Waldo, a father of seven who was working part-time as a driver-for-hire, gave Stephen Sanders a ride to the area of Queensberry Avenue and Oakley Avenue in Northwest Baltimore. Upon arriving in the area, Worrell directed Mr. Sanders to meet him around the block. When Mr. Waldo and Mr. Sanders drove onto the 3000 block of Oakley Avenue, Worrell and two associates ambushed them, firing 19 rounds into the vehicle, killing both Mr. Waldo and Mr. Sanders.

“We hope that the sentencing of Quanta Worrell brings some measure of peace to the families of Dimarcus Waldo and Stephen Sanders,” said Attorney General Brown. “I thank our law enforcement partners in this case for their hard work and dedication. Together, we will investigate, prosecute, and hold responsible those who commit these violent crimes.”

The investigation was led by the Organized Crime Unit of the Maryland Attorney General’s Office with the assistance of the Baltimore City Police Department (BPD), the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF), the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA), and the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services (DPSCS). The collaboration between the agencies responsible for investigating and prosecuting this case was a result of the federal Organized Crime and Drug Enforcement Task Force (OCDETF) Strike Force initiative, a partnership among federal, State, and local law enforcement. The Baltimore OCDETF Strike Force team is designed to target violent gangs and drug trafficking organizations. This case was assigned to Strike Force Group 2, which is led by ATF and BPD, and assisted by Strike Force Group 3, which is led by DEA.

In making today's announcement, Attorney General Brown thanked the detectives and agents with the BPD, ATF, DEA, and DPSCS who led the investigation, along with Organized Crime Chief Katie Dorian and Assistant Attorneys General Nancy Frigo and Paul Halliday, who prosecuted the case.

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