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**CECIL COUNTY MAN SENTENCED TO
80 YEARS FOR FIRST DEGREE MURDER**

ELKTON- On Tuesday, November 30, 2021, Martin Edward Goodwin, Jr., age 42, was sentenced for the murder of Mark Scott Jackson, age 39. On September 5, 2020, Jackson was walking in the area of MD Route 272 down Lums Road in North East, Cecil County, when he was struck and subsequently run over by the driver of a 2007 Gold Jeep Patriot belonging to Goodwin. The incident was captured on nearby security cameras, as well as seen by an eyewitness. The driver fled the scene, and Maryland State Police (MSP) along with emergency personnel responded shortly after. Jackson was pronounced deceased by medical personnel approximately half an hour after being struck. The vehicle was found abandoned in Perryville the following morning. Goodwin was later arrested in Louisiana and extradited back to Maryland in January 2021, where he was held without bond pending trial. On August 23, 2021, the Defendant pleaded not guilty to the charges of Murder in the First and Second Degree and elected to have a court trial as opposed to a jury trial. Evidence at trial showed that the Jeep contained evidence of Goodwin's DNA in the driver's seat area as well as Jackson's blood underneath the vehicle. Witnesses also testified that weeks prior to the murder, Jackson and Goodwin had been involved in an altercation and that Goodwin later made threats to kill Jackson. At the conclusion of the 6-day court trial on August 31, 2021, Circuit Court Judge Keith A. Baynes found the Defendant guilty of Murder in the First Degree.

The State recommended the Court impose a sentence of life without the possibility of parole, or in the alternative, life, suspend all but 80 years to serve in the Division of Corrections. Goodwin's defense attorney requested the Judge to not impose the life without parole sentence and to consider a lesser sentence. Judge Baynes imposed the State's recommendation and sentenced Goodwin to life, suspend all but 80 years to serve, followed by five years of supervised probation upon release. Goodwin elected to remain silent throughout the sentencing proceeding. Cecil County State's Attorney James A Dellmyer says of the sentence, "I would first like to give special thanks to Assistant State's Attorney Robert E. Sentman, MSP Crash Team's Sergeant Daniel Rumaker, and MSP Homicide Unit's Corporal Nathan Wilson for their hard work and collaborative efforts from investigation to prosecution of this case. Murder cases are delicate in that we are not only seeking justice for the victim whose life was taken, but also justice for the deceased's family as they too have been victimized by the actions of the defendant. It is my hope that this sentence can aid in the healing process of Mr. Jackson's family and that they feel the judicial system has lived up to its responsibility in providing justice for Mark's death."