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**ELKTON MAN SENTENCED TO 30 YEARS OF ACTIVE
INCARCERATION FOR MANOR SHOOTING**

ELKTON- Friday, February 18, 2022, Robert Eugene Hammond IV, age 25, was sentenced to a total of 30 years for First Degree Assault and other related charges. On May 11, 2020, authorities responded to a residence within Hollingsworth Manor in Elkton upon hearing gunshots. Witnesses nearby reported to the responding officers that people were shooting into a residence on Huntsman Drive. Officers then entered and secured the household, soon finding that amidst the gunfire, several people had been wounded, including a 6-year-old child who had been struck above the knee. Detective Saulsbury with the Elkton Police Department immediately placed a tourniquet on the child's leg above the wound while awaiting emergency medical services to arrive. Thanks to his quick action, the child's leg and likely their life were saved.

Additional responding officers received information that Hammond IV had fled to another residence within Hollingsworth Manor on Cow Lane. Multiple law enforcement agencies including the Maryland State Police (MSP), Cecil County Sheriff's Office, Elkton Police Department, and North East Police Department quickly responded and surrounded the residence; ordering the inhabitants to exit the household as well as securing the area for the safety of the civilians. Tactical forces as well as an MSP Aviation Unit were also dispatched to the scene.

After negotiation, Robert Hammond IV exited the residence and was taken into custody. Evidence at trial revealed video evidence showing Hammond IV and Co-Defendant firing at the Huntsman Drive residence. The Defendant was found guilty on September 3, 2021, after a court trial.

Maryland Sentencing Guidelines recommended an overall sentence between 18 and 25 years. The State represented by Assistant State's Attorney H. Scott Lewis, recommended a total sentence of 47 years of active incarceration, the first 10 years without the possibility of parole. Defense counsel asked the Court to consider a sentence of 5 years to serve. Cecil County Circuit Court Judge William W. Davis imposed a sentence of 30 years total of active incarceration at the Department of Corrections. State's Attorney James A. Dellmyer says "I commend the effort of Assistant State's Attorney H. Scott Lewis for his dedication to justice in the prosecution of this case, Detective Comley and members of the Elkton Police Department for their diligent work in this investigation, and the allied law enforcement agencies for their rapid response during this incident."

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