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**ELKTON MAN SENTENCED TO 8 YEARS FOR
DOMESTIC SHOOTING**

ELKTON- Thursday, February 17, 2022, Gary Eugene Reed was sentenced for firing multiple rounds from a handgun into the door and window of his son's home while his wife was inside caring for their son's dogs. The incident occurred on June 14, 2020, when the Defendant, who had been drinking alcohol throughout the day, began arguing with his wife. His wife, in an attempt to diffuse the situation, got into her vehicle and drove around hoping that the Defendant would go home and leave her alone. Instead, Gary Reed gathered two guns and pursued his wife to their son's home, who was away on vacation at the time.

After being refused entrance by his wife into their son's home, the Defendant used the handgun he had armed himself with to shoot the door and window to gain entrance. As Gary Reed attempted to climb in the broken window, his wife fled the house and was located by the police in a neighbor's yard. The Defendant drove away with the guns before the police arrived at the scene of the crime, returning to his house where he was located and apprehended by law enforcement.

On October 7, 2021, Reed was found guilty of First-Degree Assault, Second Degree Assault, Reckless Endangerment, and Use of a Firearm/Crime of Violence by a Cecil County jury. The sentencing guidelines recommended between 5 and 8 years to serve. Based on the risk to public safety, the State requested an above the guidelines sentence of 20 years suspend all but 10 years to serve for the First-Degree Assault with an additional 5 years to serve consecutive to that for the use of a firearm in a crime of violence for a total time to serve in prison of 15 years. The State also requested 5 years of supervised probation with alcohol treatment and no contact with the victim or her family who had requested the maximum sentence possible in their Victim Impact Statement. Defense counsel requested that the Court sentence the Defendant to a 5-year sentence on the gun charge with no additional prison time for the assault charge based on Reed's age and lack of prior criminal record. The Honorable Judge William W. Davis of the Cecil County Circuit Court sentenced the Defendant to a sentence within the guidelines of 20 years suspend all but 3 years for the First-Degree Assault, with 5 years to serve consecutive for the use of a firearm charge. The total prison time to serve is 8 years, followed by five years of supervised probation, alcohol treatment and no contact with the victims upon his release.