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**ELKTON MAN GETS FIFTEEN YEARS FOR
“MOLOTOV COCKTAIL” CASE**

ELKTON- Monday, March 21, 2022, Christopher Paul Reavis was sentenced for throwing what's commonly referred to as a Molotov cocktail (a glass bottle filled with gasoline or other flammable liquid plugged with a flaming cloth wick, meant to be thrown as an incendiary device) through the window of a North East home back in September of 2020.

The incident occurred at approximately 5:00 am on Jamestown Court in North East on September 26, 2020. There were six residents in the home when the device was thrown through the front window and into the living room. Fortunately, the bottle did not break when it landed on the living room floor. One of the residents was awake at the time and was able to put the gasoline-filled bottle with the still-burning wick in the kitchen sink and extinguish it. No one in the home was injured. Investigators from the Maryland Office of the State Fire Marshal developed the Defendant, Christopher Paul Reavis, as the person who had made and thrown the device. Reavis and his wife, who was also involved in the incident, were arrested at their Harford County home days later. A search of their home resulted in investigators finding additional evidence linking Reavis and his wife to the crime scene. It was discovered throughout the investigation that Reavis intended to target a neighboring home instead of the one that was hit, where a rival used to live.

Reavis entered into a binding guilty plea to one count of Attempted Arson in the First Degree before being sentenced by Circuit Court Judge Brenda A. Sexton to thirty (30) years in the Division of Correction, suspending all but fifteen (15) years to serve. Judge Sexton also ordered Reavis to complete five (5) years of supervised probation upon his release. Reavis will have to serve at least fifty percent of his fifteen-year sentence before he will be eligible for parole. Reavis' wife and co-defendant pleaded guilty to one count of conspiracy to commit Arson in the First Degree in September 2021 and is scheduled to be sentenced next month.