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**ELKTON MAN SENTENCED TO 27 YEARS
FOR CECILTON ARMED ROBBERY**

ELKTON- Tuesday, December 17, 2024, Wayne Donald Yurcovic, II, 42, of Elkton, MD was sentenced in the Circuit Court of Cecil County to 27 years for armed robbery. Yurcovic had been convicted in a jury trial of his peers on October 10, 2024, where he was found guilty of armed robbery and other charges.

On October 27, 2022, shortly after midnight, members of the Maryland State Police had responded to the Royal Farms store in Cecilton, Maryland, upon receiving a 911 call from a store employee that a masked gunman had just held up the store, demanding cash from register and taking a case of cigarettes valued at over \$3,000. Upon arrival, Troopers were unable to locate the suspect who had fled on foot. The next morning, a nearby resident located a discarded handgun by a dumpster which was determined to have been used in the robbery. The handgun was found loaded and was later test-fired to determine operability. Through investigation, Detectives were able to link the recovered handgun to the Defendant, Wayne Donald Yurcovic, II. Other corroborating evidence established that Yurcovic was the person who had committed the armed robbery and fled the scene. After a thorough investigation by Maryland State Police Criminal Enforcement Division Detective Kelly Jaskiewicz and review by the Office of the State's Attorney, Yurcovic was arrested for this offense on April 4, 2023.

The Maryland Sentencing Guidelines for the crime committed are 10 to 30 years. The State, represented by Assistant State's Attorney Robert E. Sentman, recommended a sentence of 27 years. Cecil County Circuit Court Administrative Judge Brenda A. Sexton imposed a sentence of 27 years in the Department of Corrections with no portion of the sentence suspended. Yurcovic is facing 20 years of that sentence without parole due to his prior convictions for crimes of violence, the use of a handgun in the commission of the armed robbery and being in possession of a handgun after being convicted of a felony or crime of violence. Yurcovic was previously convicted of a convenience store armed robbery in Cecil County in 2007.