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**DECLINATION OF PROSECUTION OF
CONOWINGO MAN INVOLVED IN SHOOTING**

ELKTON – On September 24, 2024, investigators from the Maryland State Police responded to Mount Zoar Road, Conowingo, Maryland in reference to an ongoing physical domestic. While on route, dispatch advised that the incident had escalated to a possible shooting and fire. On scene, investigators and emergency medical personnel attempted lifesaving measures before determining the decedent had passed away on scene. A later medical examination determined that the decedent had suffered gunshot wounds to the torso, resulting in his death.

Following a thorough review of the evidence, State Police investigators determined that the decedent was shot while attempting to break into the home after an earlier physical and verbal altercation with the resident elderly couple. The Office of the State Fire Marshal, in a concurrent investigation, ruled the nature of the fire to be undetermined.

After a review of the current statute, case law, and all information gathered by the Maryland State Police, the Office of the State's Attorney has elected to not proceed with criminal charges. In these circumstances, the suspect was protecting himself and his wife and was acting in self-defense.

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