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ALL DEFENDANTS SENTENCED FOR MURDER OF CARTER SCOTT

Reginald Love, the final defendant involved in the murder of one-year-old Carter Scott, was convicted of first degree murder, conspiracy to commit murder, attempted first degree murder and two handgun charges in August of this year. He was sentenced to Life plus 150 years.

Assistant State's Attorney Tonya LaPolla prosecuted the case.

Love was part of a crew that conspired to kill Rashaw Scott in May of 2013. At approximately 8:30 PM, Scott was lured to the 1200 block of Cherry Hill Road with his one-year-old son, Carter Scott, in the back seat of the car. When Scott arrived at the location, he was ambushed by four men wearing latex gloves who fired multiple shots into the vehicle. Scott and his son were struck multiple times—his son did not survive the shooting.



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FEDERAL GRANT HELPS COMMUNITIES IMPACTED BY UNREST



Photo: Andrew Burton/Getty Images

The Office of the State's Attorney for Baltimore City (SAO) received \$350,000 in federal grant funding to support its youth programming. Earlier this year, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) made up to \$50 million available for communities who had experienced civil unrest in the past two years through the Resiliency in Communities After Stress and Trauma (ReCAST) Program. The goal of the program is to assist high-risk youth and families in these communities through implementation of violence prevention and community youth engagement programs.

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CARTER SCOTT'S MURDERER SENTENCED



Baltimore Police were in the area when the shooting took place. They responded, and witnessed the shooters flee the scene in a Toyota Solara. The driver crashed while trying to evade police. Investigators recovered latex gloves worn by the shooters from the crime scene and DNA evidence from the getaway vehicle.

Love's DNA was found inside the crashed vehicle and on the latex gloves recovered from the scene.

Last year, Cornell Harvey, the man responsible for setting up the father of the child, was sentenced to two consecutive life sentences plus 50 years for the child's murder; Rashid Mayo was sentenced to two life sentences plus 45 years; Eddie Tarver was sentenced to two life sentences plus 20 years; and, Dequan Shields was sentenced to life plus 20 years.

"The murder of Carter Scott is one of the most heinous cases in recent history," said State's Attorney Marilyn Mosby. "I hope these convictions and sentences are a testament to what is possible when we work together."

SAO APPOINTS NEW CHIEF COUNSEL, TONY GIOIA



Deputy State's Attorney, and newly minted Chief Counsel to the Office of the State's Attorney, Tony Gioia beamed as he recalled the year he passed the Maryland State Bar.

"I passed the Maryland Bar in January of 1984," Gioia said.

Gioia attended the University of Baltimore School of Law and landed his first job as an Assistant Public Defender in Baltimore City. He then went into private practice for eight years doing criminal defense work and general attorney work.

"In 2000, I saw the light, as they say and came to work at the State's Attorney's Office," Gioia said.

As an Assistant State's Attorney, Gioia worked in the office's F.I.V.E. Unit, which was known for its aggressive prosecution of gun crimes. He tried a number of attempted murder cases while working in the unit.

Gioia's legal experience continued to grow as he was assigned to lead various units throughout the agency.

"I've stuck around for as long as I have because I keep getting new and more challenging assignments," Gioia said. "I'd have to say that my favorite job was when I was assigned to be the Training Director for new attorneys."

Gioia spent 18 months grooming young prosecutors.

"Teaching [the new ASAs] how to get evidence introduced in trial and showing them how to ask the right questions— that's what would be critical to their success as prosecutors," Gioia said.

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Under former State's Attorney Gregg Bernstein, Gioia was appointed to lead the Conviction Integrity Unit.

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SAO INNER HARBOR CHARITY RUN HELPS VICTIMS OF CRIME



The Office of the State's Attorney for Baltimore City partnered with Charm City Run and over two dozen sponsors to host its 13th Annual Victim Fund 5k Run/Walk. The event was a fresh start for a race that has not taken place since 2012. Runners—including State's Attorney Marilyn Mosby met at the Inner Harbor's Rash Field on the rainy Saturday morning of October 1st.

The race benefited the SAO's Victim Emergency Fund—which is a discretionary pool of money used to help victims of crime mitigate immediate hardships.

Sarah Matthews, a Northwest Baltimore resident, says the fund saved her from a possible eviction. She was on her way to a corner store a few blocks from her home to purchase a money order for her rent. As she was walking, she was punched in the jaw and had her purse stolen.

"I contacted social services to see if they could help and they referred me to the State's Attorney's Office," Matthews said. "I got in touch with them and they were able to issue a partial rent payment. I don't know what I would have done without their help."

State's Attorney Mosby, was grateful for all of the runners who turned out in inclement weather to participate in the race.

"I was happy to run alongside so many members of the office and community. We ran a great race, shared some laughs, raised money for a worthy cause, and took a moment to honor one of our own," State's Attorney Mosby said, speaking of former SAO Family Violence Chief Julie Drake who recently passed after an extended battle with cancer.

SAO RECEIVES 350,000 FROM DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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The SAO was a part of a coalition led by the Baltimore City Health Department who applied for this grant on behalf of the communities in Baltimore most impacted by the civil unrest. The coalition was awarded \$5 million to be distributed evenly over five years, to assist the Sandtown-Winchester, Upton/Druid Heights and Penn North communities.

The SAO will receive \$70,000 each year for five years as part of the grant award. Funds will be used to support existing youth programs within the SAO. Funding will also enable the office to hire a new Youth Coordinator to manage these programs, serve as a liaison to the ReCAST West Baltimore Project team, and explore the development of additional youth programs.

"Since the start of this administration, we have made crime control and prevention with regard to our youth a top

priority. We must invest in preventative ways to get to our children before they get to the criminal justice system, and I'm thrilled to see that the federal government recognizes the important need to do the same," said State's Attorney Marilyn Mosby.



This summer, 27 rising eighth grade students spent six weeks learning about the criminal justice system as part of the SAO's Junior State's Attorney Program. The program exposes students to careers in the criminal justice system while encouraging civic engagement, community awareness and faith in the justice system.

Great Expectations, a program for fourth grade students, brings criminal justice professionals to the classroom to engage the students. This school year, the program will be hosted at William Pinderhughes Elementary School in West Baltimore.

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THE RISE OF TONY GIOIA



He was responsible for reviewing adjudicated cases that may have resulted in a wrongful conviction. Under this administration, Gioia was tapped as Deputy State's Attorney of Major Crimes.

"I was honored—and if I can be candid—surprised to be selected as a Deputy. I was eager to take on the challenge," he said with a smile.

Gioia and the rest of the new executive team set out to review the current office structure and policies from top to bottom in an effort to refocus the mission onto the aggressive prosecution of violent crime. Gioia believes wholeheartedly in Mosby's holistic approach. He recognizes that the fervent prosecution of low-level, non-violent offenders has done little to drive down violence in the City. Gioia is proud of the high conviction rates produced by the Homicide and Special Victims Units under his charge the past two years.

In Gioia's new role, he will serve as Chief Counsel to the Office of the State's Attorney. He is now responsible for providing counsel on complex legal matters and will also aide prosecution efforts on high profile cases as needed. Although he demurs from the title of legal scholar in residence—he is flattered by the acknowledgment of his 30 plus years of legal experience.

MAN WHO DISGUISED HIMSELF AS A WOMAN TO CARRY OUT MURDER FACING LIFE PLUS 20 YEARS IN PRISON

Brandon Payton will be sentenced December 5, 2016, for the murder of Steven Bass. A jury convicted Payton of first and second degree murder, as well as the use of a firearm in the commission of a crime of violence.

On June 12, 2015, Baltimore Police responded to the 2200 Block of North Fulton Avenue for a serious shooting. Upon arrival, officers observed Bass lying on the sidewalk suffering from multiple gunshot wounds. Bass was transported to University of Maryland Shock Trauma where he died from his injuries.

Assistant State's Attorney Adam Lane Chaudry prosecuted this case. An investigation by Baltimore Homicide Detectives revealed video footage from a nearby liquor store captured the shooting on exterior surveillance cameras. The video showed Payton dressed in a woman's dark colored summer hat, multi-color blouse, light blue pants, Timberland boots and a dark colored purse walking westbound on Pennsylvania Avenue towards North Fulton Avenue prior to the shooting. The suspect then proceeded right on North Fulton, and crossed the street on the same side where the victim was located.

The video showed the victim being chased by Payton across the street through traffic heading Eastbound. The victim falls on the sidewalk. Payton proceeds to stand over him, and shoots the victim four times in the back, before fleeing the scene.

A witness to the shooting called 911 reporting that he had observed the shooting and that prior to the same he observed the suspect touch the front passenger hood of his vehicle. Police responded and were able to lift the defendant's prints from the hood of the vehicle.

Detectives received a fingerprint hit from the Latent Print Unit advising that the palm print lifted from the witness's vehicle came back as that of Payton.

"Witness cooperation is crucial to guaranteeing that these criminals who wreak havoc on our streets are held accountable," said State's Attorney Marilyn Mosby. "The witness that came forward in this case provided imperative information which helped in the apprehension of this murderer. I want to commend this person for stepping forward, setting an example for others to follow; and, ultimately, helping us to get another ruthless killer off the streets of Baltimore."





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