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## VIRGINIA MAN SENTENCED IN ARMED CARJACKING CASE

UPPER MARLBORO, MD — An Alexandria, VA man has been sentenced to a total of 15 years for armed carjacking and use of a firearm to commit a violent crime.

The carjacking occurred on the evening of April 16, 2023, outside of a 24-hour tobacco store on Old Silver Hill Road in District Heights. The victim walked out of the store and was approached by two armed men demanding his car. Seven days later, officers responded to a call for a vehicle pursuit and a bailout with the Fairfax County Police Department (FCPD). On scene, FCPD advised that they had attempted to conduct a traffic stop on the victim's carjacked BMW, Maryland registration, in Alexandria, VA. The four occupants in the car refused to stop, and a high-speed pursuit ensued from Alexandria to Prince George's County. The BMW lost control, became disabled & the four occupants bailed out. Marquette Staton, one of the suspects, fled on foot but was taken into custody from woods nearby.

Staton, 19, of Alexandria, VA, pleaded guilty Friday, September 22nd to armed carjacking and use of a firearm in a violent crime and was sentenced to 20 years, suspend all but ten for armed carjacking and ten years, suspend all but five for use of a firearm in a violent crime. Prince George's County, Judge ShaRon M. Grayson Kelsey imposed the sentence on Friday, September 29th.

"We are pleased with this sentence, although no one was injured, the victim that was held at gun point as well as numerous, other lives were put at risk as a result of the carjacking and the pursuit that ensued," said State's Attorney Aisha Braveboy.

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