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BOWIE MAN FOUND GUILTY OF MURDERING SECURITY GUARD

UPPER MARLBORO, MD – Desmond Mbah, 26, was found guilty on Tuesday of killing a 23-year-old security guard during an armed carjacking.

“This took a lot of effort,” said Assistant State’s Attorney Daniel Kim during his closing argument. “The defendant specifically went to the parking lot to find his victim. This was a targeted attack to kill Riyadh Al Janabi and take his vehicle.”

During the trial, Assistant State’s Attorney Kim maintained that this killing was premeditated by Mbah. On February 11, 2021, Mbah left his residence at 11660 Severn Road, took a bus, and went to an apartment complex in the 5400 block of 54th Avenue in Riverdale Park. That’s where Al Janabi was working as a security guard and sitting in his vehicle at the time he was killed. Mbah ambushed Al Janabi and shot into the car, hitting Al Janabi twice in the face and killing him. Then, Mbah fled with the victim’s vehicle. When police arrived they found Al Janabi wounded and laying on the pavement. He was pronounced dead a short time later at the hospital.

“This is the right outcome for Mr. Al Janabi and his loved ones,” said State’s Attorney Aisha Braveboy. “Justice was served. He was simply working and didn’t deserve to be attacked and killed. This verdict sends a message that my prosecutors will fight for victims, this community and justice. I want to thank Assistant State’s Attorney Kim for his commitment to this case.”

Mbah was convicted of first-degree murder, armed carjacking, use of a firearm in a crime of violence, and carrying a handgun on his person in a public place. He is scheduled to be sentenced on December 19th.

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