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MAN SENTENCED TO 80 YEARS IN ROAD RAGE MURDER OF FATHER *Murder Witnessed by Victim's 3 Children*

UPPER MARLBORO, MD – A Clinton man has been sentenced to 80 years in prison.

Markell Lewis, 27, shot and killed Danny Kelly, Jr., 30, a professional boxer on Christmas Eve of 2021.

The incident happened as the two were driving on St. Barnabas Road in Temple Hills. Lewis made an abrupt lane change in front of Kelly's vehicle. A short time later, Lewis shot into Kelly's vehicle, killing him and leaving his three children and fiancé in shock. The family was headed to a Christmas Eve dinner -- a time of the year meant to be memorable -- now tragically unforgettable.

In sentencing Lewis, the judge went above the guidelines citing the egregious nature of the murder. He was sentenced to 35 years on second-degree murder, 10 years for four 1st degree assault counts, and 5 years for use of a firearm by someone who has been disqualified by a prior crime.

"Mr. Lewis callously killed Mr. Kelly because he was angry, which is ridiculous. This family on the way to Christmas Eve dinner, didn't deserve to see Mr. Kelly die and experience this tragedy. It was terrible and senseless," said State's Attorney Braveboy. "The judge considered the crime and observed the defendant's demeanor during the trial in addition to what she felt was an inability to rehabilitate him, in determining that it was necessary to go above the guidelines and we are grateful for that. Justice was served for Mr. Kelly. I also want to thank the Assistant State's Attorneys Ed Leyden and Victoria Adegoke for their work on this case." Lewis was convicted on April 7, 2023.

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