

Press Release:
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Good Afternoon,

Today in the Circuit Court for Montgomery County, MD, the honorable Judge Jeannie Cho sentenced defendant, Ruel Francis Dempster II, 34, of Silver Spring, to life in prison suspend all but 40 years and five years of supervised probation upon release.

In November, Dempster entered a guilty plea to the charge of first-degree murder for the death of Alice Dennis, the mother of his children.

This charge stems from the discovery of Dennis' body inside the couple's Silver Spring home on April 18th, 2018. Dempster was arrested in May of 2018 in the area of Nuevo Laredo, Mexico by the Federal Police (La Policia Federal) on the strength of a Montgomery County warrant.

"I thank Judge Cho for imposing 40 years of incarceration time in this case. This defendant fled the country after committing murder in our community, but will now be held accountable for his actions and prevented from endangering the life of anyone else," said State's Attorney John McCarthy.