

Press Release  
May 13, 2022

Good Afternoon,

This evening, in the Circuit Court for Montgomery County, Maryland, the honorable Judge Harry Storm sentenced 21-year-old Dontaye Hunt of Silver Spring to 19 years in prison and three years of supervised probation upon release.

Hunt pleaded guilty in 2019 to charges of accessory after the fact to first-degree murder, armed robbery and conspiracy to commit armed robbery for the deaths of 23-year-old Jordan Radway of Laurel and 24-year-old Christian Roberts of Silver Spring. He cooperated in the case, testifying against co-defendant Andy Panton.

Hunt is one of three co-defendants in this case which stems from an incident on January 28th, 2019. The two victims had been shot to death, execution style, and were found inside a crashed car in White Oak.

>>Co-defendant, Andy Panton, (who fired the gunshots) was sentenced to two, consecutive, life sentences plus sixty years in prison last week for first-degree murder and other charges including robbery with a dangerous weapon and use of a firearm during the commission of a crime of violence.  
>>Co-defendant, Noah Barnett, was sentenced to 42 years in prison after pleading guilty to charges of accessory after the fact to first-degree murder, armed robbery and conspiracy to commit armed robbery.

**For background:**

The following proffer of facts as told to prosecutors by co-defendant, Noah Barnett, and submitted to the court offers a synopsis of the case:

PROFFER:

DATE: September 9, 2021

RE: Noah Barnett – 135493-C – Proffer of Facts

*On Monday, January 28, 2019, Montgomery County Police officers responded to the 11600 block of Stewart Lane, Silver Spring, Maryland for the report of a motor vehicle collision.*

*Upon arrival officers found that a black 1994 Honda Accord had collided with several parked vehicles on the roadway. The Honda had two occupants, one driver and one front seat passenger, later identified as Jordan Radway (driver) and Christian Roberts (passenger). Both were deceased and both had been shot. Examination by the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner revealed that both Radway and Roberts deaths were caused by multiple gunshot wounds.*

*Subsequent investigation revealed that Radway was engaged in the sale of marijuana. An examination of Radway's cellular phone revealed text messages and phone calls between Radway and a man named Noah Barnett on the date of the murder indicating that Barnett was attempting to set up the sale of a "QP" of marijuana for \$600.00 between Radway and an acquaintance of Barnett's named Dontaye Hunt. "QP" is a common term for "quarter pound of marijuana."*

At 5:02pm, Barnett provided Radway with Hunt's cellular phone number. Beginning at 5:15pm, Radway and Hunt began to communicate through both phone calls and text messages about the intended purchase of marijuana. At 6:08pm, Hunt sent Radway a location "pin" which was on Castle Boulevard. Cell site location information for Hunt's cellular phone places him in the area of the "pin" consistently between 6pm through 6:45pm.

Shortly after the location "pin" was sent, Radway sent a text message to Roberts stating "these niggas bluffin." This message suggests that the drug deal did not go through at that time because Hunt did not have the money necessary for the transaction. The message also suggested that Hunt was not alone and was working with an accomplice. Also shortly after the location "pin" was sent to Radway, Hunt sent a text message to Barnett stating "we gotta link em later."

After the unsuccessful drug deal around 6:08pm, text messages between Radway and Hunt indicate that they set up another location and time to meet later that night. At 7:59pm, Hunt sent Radway the address of 11530 Stewart Lane – one block away from where the victims were ultimately found in the black Honda. Hunt sent another text to Radway at 8:03pm "lemmo kno when yu here." At 8:27pm, Radway called Hunt. Cell site location information obtained for the 8:27pm call from Hunt's cell phone placed him in the area of Stewart Lane. At 8:35 pm, police received a call for a vehicle collision in the 11600 block of Stewart Lane. Witnesses also reported hearing gunshots in that area at approximately 8:30pm.

An arrest warrant was obtained for Hunt. After he was arrested for the murders of Radway and Roberts, Hunt made a statement to police investigators. Hunt stated that he set up the drug deal with Radway. Hunt described that he and another individual both were armed with .22 caliber handguns when they went to meet Radway on Stewart Lane. Hunt told investigators that although he was armed, his firearm was non-functioning. Hunt told investigators that the other individual was the one who shot Radway and Roberts while both Hunt and the other individual were seated in the rear of the black Honda. Hunt did not identify his co-conspirator by name, but indicated that if the police were to review Metro bus surveillance, they would see him get on and off the Metro bus with the other suspect. Hunt further stated during the investigation that a robbery was supposed to be committed, but nobody was supposed to be shot.

Police reviewed the video surveillance and saw that Hunt and a man later identified as Andy Panton were getting on the Metro bus together in White Oak at approximately 5:43pm, traveling towards Castle Boulevard. At approximately 6:43pm, Metro bus video shows Hunt and Panton getting on another bus heading southbound from Castle Blvd. These times are consistent with Hunt and Panton meeting with Radway for the first unsuccessful drug deal on Castle Blvd. at approximately 6:08pm.

Police interviewed Barnett's girlfriend, who reported to them that after the murder, at approximately 10:30pm, Hunt and Panton arrived at Barnett's house. She told police that after they left, Barnett told her that Panton had shot and killed Radway and Roberts, and that was not what was supposed to happen.

Additional police investigation revealed that on January 25, 2019, Hunt and Panton communicated over Instagram about obtaining a .22 caliber firearm. It was later determined that the gunshot wounds causing the deaths of Radway and Roberts were inflicted by .22 caliber ammunition. It was also determined that three out of four bullets recovered during the autopsy of Roberts and Radway

*were identified as having been discharged from the same firearm. The autopsy findings were that both Radway and Roberts were shot twice.*

*Barnett provided an additional statement to the Montgomery County Police and told them that he contacted Hunt during the day on January 28, 2019. Hunt told Barnett that he was looking for a "move" and Barnett indicated that he would get him in contact with Jordan Radway so that he could rob him of marijuana. Barnett then provided Radway Dontaye Hunt's cell phone number. Barnett spoke to Hunt and Panton using Facetime when they were traveling on the bus to Castle Blvd., they described their plan to rob Radway using guns.*

*Barnett spoke with Hunt and Panton again a short time later. They described that they were not successful in the robbery, but that they would attempt to rob Radway again later in the White Oak area.*

*Sometime later Barnett spoke again with Hunt and Hunt asked if he could come to Barnett's house. Shortly thereafter Hunt and Panton arrived at Barnett's house. Panton told Barnett that he had shot at Radway and Roberts. Hunt and Panton gave Barnett an ounce of marijuana that they had taken from Radway.*

*These events occurred in Montgomery County Maryland.*