

Press Release  
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Today in the Circuit Court for Montgomery County, MD, the honorable Judge Sharon Burrell sentenced defendant, Biet Van Tran, 65, to life without the possibility of parole on the charge of first-degree murder of victim, Linh Pham, 23, and to an additional 55 years in prison for two counts of attempted first-degree murder for the stabbing attacks on Quy Luc, 32, and Thi Nyguen, 22.

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"This was about as vicious an attack as you can possibly imagine. As Judge Burrell stated in court, Biet Van Tran committed the ultimate crime against these three innocent victims and will pay the ultimate punishment. We thank the survivors for their bravery in participating in the trial and working with Assistant State's Attorneys Ashley Inderfurth and Kyle O'Grady to make sure this defendant will never harm anyone again," said State's Attorney John McCarthy.

Press Release  
April 6, 2022

Good Afternoon,

Today in the Circuit Court for Montgomery, MD, before the Honorable Judge Sharon Burrell, a jury convicted defendant Biet Van Tran, 65, of Silver Spring on charges of first-degree murder for the stabbing death of Linh Pham, 23, and two counts of attempted first-degree murder for the attacks on Quy Luc, 30, and Thi Nyguen, 19.

Tran faces life in prison and is scheduled for a sentencing hearing on Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022, at 1:30p.m.

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**>>Click here for photos including:**

- A photo of the victims taken during their drive to Maryland (Quy Luc has requested to be blurred, Pham is next to him with sunglasses on and Nyguen is in the back seat)
- A photo of Luc and Pham visiting the WWII Memorial
- A photo of Pham
- A booking photo of Biet Van Tran
- A photo of the large knife used in the attacks
- Photos of the home including the area where Tran encountered Pham and began the attack on her

**>>Attached is the statement of charges**

**>>Assistant State's Attorneys Ashley Inderfurth and Kyle O'Grady prosecuted this case. State's Attorney John McCarthy spoke with members of the media following the verdict.**

Here is a link to that live stream: <https://fb.watch/cdGfZDgb9m/>

**Below is a brief summary of the events as described in court proceedings:**

On May 11, 2020, at approximately 3:22pm, the Montgomery County Police Department Emergency Communication Center received a call from Biet Van Tran, date of birth 10/14/1956. Tran reported that he was at his residence located at 911 Balmoral Drive, Silver Spring, Montgomery County Maryland. Tran stated that he killed someone and asked officers to respond to take him to jail.

When police responded to the address, Tran was standing outside of the residence and taken into custody. Within the residence were located 2 women: Linh Ngoc Pham (7/27/1997), who was found deceased from one stab wound that penetrated from her back through her chest; and Thi Ngoc

Nguyen (9/20/2000) who was alive but who had been stabbed multiple times in her arm, chest and abdomen. As she was being transported by Fire Rescue Personnel, Nguyen stated that the "old man" had stabbed her. Additional to the 2 women, a male named Quy Than Luc (1/29/1990) was located approaching the crime scene from a neighbor's house.

Luc described to officers that 911 Balmoral Drive was his mother's residence where she lived with Tran. A few months prior, his mother had a stroke, and she was currently in a rehabilitation center. Luc and his girlfriend, Pham traveled to Maryland along with their roommate Nguyen on May 9, 2020, in order to stay at the Balmoral Drive residence and attempt to assist with arrangements for Luc's mother.

Luc described that he and Tran were arguing about money when Tran armed himself with a chef's knife and attacked Luc. Luc said that Tran attempted to stab him in the chest and back. Luc ran from the house to a neighbor's residence to call 911. As a result of the attack, Luc sustained superficial cutting wounds to his back and hand. Luc was not present when Tran went back inside of the residence at 911 Balmoral Drive.

Responding officers searched the residence and located the chef's knife in a knife block in the kitchen with what appeared to be blood residue on the blade. The knife was collected for testing. DNA testing later confirmed the presence of Pham's and Nguyen's blood on the blade.

On May 11, 2020, Nguyen was hospitalized and in critical condition. On May 15, 2020, Detectives interviewed her at Washington Hospital Center. During the course of that interview, she described the following events: Pham and Nguyen were in the upstairs of the house on May 11, 2020, when they heard a noise coming from downstairs. Pham went downstairs. Shortly afterwards, Nguyen heard Pham screaming and saw Tran attacking Pham with a knife. Pham tried to escape by running up the stairs. When Tran saw Nguyen also upstairs, he came up the stairs and attacked her with the knife as well. Nguyen tried to flee inside of a bedroom and attempted to close the door behind her but Tran prevented her from closing the door. Tran pushed the door in, grabbed Nguyen, and stabbed her multiple times in the bedroom.

Tran was interviewed at police headquarters on May 11, 2020, and he confessed to stabbing the three victims.