

Press Release
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Good afternoon,

Today in the Circuit Court for Montgomery County, MD, the honorable Judge Karla Smith sentenced defendant, Joshua Wright, 18, of Bethesda, to life in prison suspend all but 40 years for the death of 33-year-old, father of six, Lawrence Wilson Jr., on December 19th, 2021. Judge Smith ordered that Wright be admitted into the [Patuxent Youthful Offenders Program](#) while incarcerated. He will be placed on five years of supervise probation upon release.

Wright had pleaded guilty to the charge of first-degree murder in July 2022.

Co-defendant, Antonio Lawrence, who is facing charges of first-degree murder, armed robbery and conspiracy to commit armed robbery, is scheduled for trial beginning February 6, 2023.