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Lexington Park Man Sentenced to 15 Years in Prison for Leonardtown Shooting

LEONARDTOWN, MD (May 11, 2026) – State's Attorney Jaymi Sterling announced today that Shaekwon Talib Jackson, 25, of Lexington Park, Maryland, was sentenced to 40 years in prison with 15 years of active incarceration for a shooting that occurred on October 11, 2025, in Leonardtown, Maryland.

On April 20, 2026, a St. Mary's County jury convicted Jackson following a three-day jury trial.

The Court sentenced Mr. Jackson to the following:

- First-degree assault: 15 years in prison, with 6 years of active incarceration;
- Use of firearm in the commission of a crime of violence: 15 years in prison, with 5 years of active incarceration;
- Reckless endangerment: 5 years in prison, with 2 years of active incarceration; and
- Reckless endangerment: 5 years in prison, with 2 years of active incarceration.

The total sentence imposed was 40 years in prison, with 15 years of active incarceration.

“The Defendant brazenly opened fire during closing time outside of a popular bar and carelessly placed many lives at risk. This night could have ended more tragically because of the sheer number of innocent bystanders that were spilling out into the parking lot,” said State's Attorney Jaymi Sterling. “It was miraculously and thankfully a non-fatal incident. The safeguarding of our community remains the top priority of our office.”

Assistant State's Attorneys Shaye Reynolds and Savanna Duncan prosecuted the case on behalf of the citizens of St. Mary's County.

Detective Warren Forinash of the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office was the lead investigator.

The Honorable Amy Lorenzini presided over the case.

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