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COMMONWEALTH'S ATTORNEY DESCANO OFFICIAL STATEMENT

Regarding resentencing of Mark E. Lawlor.

FAIRFAX COUNTY, VA – Fairfax County Commonwealth's Attorney Steve Descano released the following statement regarding today's resentencing of Mark E. Lawlor:

"It's good to know that this case can finally be closed with today's resentencing. My office asked for and attained life in prison for convicted rapist and murderer Mark E. Lawlor. This is a notable outcome because it exemplifies that our criminal justice system can seek justice, find resolution, and keep our community safe while adhering to our community's values—those are the principles that guide my actions every day along with the actions of the prosecutors that serve in this office."

Mark E. Lawlor of Fairfax County was found guilty of a 2008 rape and murder. Lawlor's 2011 death penalty sentence was overturned and sent back down for resentencing upon appeal granted by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit. That resentencing occurred today resulting in a sentence of life in prison.

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