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**Convictions from 2015 Onward Involving Indicted Officers to be Vacated**

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Individuals convicted in Baltimore City Circuit Court between 2015 and the present, who are serving a sentence or are still on probation based on charges involving the officers who were indicted on federal charges earlier this month, may be eligible to have their conviction vacated. The seven indicted officers – Momodu Gondo, Evodio Hendriz, Daniel Hersl, Wayne Jenkins, Jemell Rayam, Marcus Taylor and Maurice Ward – were part of the Baltimore City Police Department’s Gun Trace Task Force.

Since the officers’ indictment, OPD has been identifying impacted cases, [running a hotline for clients and others to contact us](#), and developing legal strategies for addressing convictions that relied upon this testimony. In addition to expediting active cases for dismissal, OPD recently secured [a new trial then dismissal for a case that had previously resulted in a guilty plea in which the arresting officers were all indicted](#).

“The State’s Attorney’s consent to dismiss these cases was a necessary response to the allegations against the indicted officers,” said Natalie Finegar, Deputy District Public Defender for Baltimore. “However, thousands of other Baltimore residents had their lives interrupted, and often destroyed, by these officers’ wrongdoing in cases that predate 2015 and in cases where the sentence is over but the conviction still impacts the ability to get a job or a home. We remain committed to seeking justice for all of these individuals.”

Individuals who think they may be eligible to have their conviction vacated should contact OPD at 410-914-7858 or fill out the form at <https://goo.gl/forms/5mDA3fT25jbWgPZB3>, also available at [www.opd.state.md.us](http://www.opd.state.md.us).

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