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**OPD Sets Up Hotline for Individuals with Cases Involving Indicted Officers**

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The Maryland Office of the Public Defender has established a hotline for individuals with a criminal conviction or a pending case that involved any of the seven officers from Baltimore City Police Department’s Gun Trace Task Force who were indicted last week on federal racketeering and extortion charges. The indicted officers – Momodu Gondo, Evodio Hendriz, Daniel Hersl, Wayne Jenkins, Jemell Rayam, Marcus Taylor and Maurice Ward – were each involved in thousands of arrest and prosecutions.

“Given that the criminal misconduct is alleged to have occurred while on duty and over the course of many years, any conviction involving these officers is suspect,” said Natalie Finegar, Deputy District Public Defender for Baltimore. “These cases are particularly troubling because the State’s Attorney’s Office has never provided information about these officers’ misconduct that could have been used to challenge their credibility, as required by the Constitution.”

“Identifying all of the people with criminal cases that relied upon these officers will be a challenge in and of itself,” said Initia Lettau, Acting Chief of the Post-Conviction Defenders Division. “But allowing these convictions to stand would be a true injustice.”

Individuals who have a criminal conviction or pending case involving one or more of the indicted officers are advised to 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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