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PRESS RELEASE

Gilner Guilty of Attempted Murder

On January 23, 2026, a jury convicted Steven Anthony Gilner, 19, of Lusby, of attempted first degree murder and related charges, following a 5-day trial in Calvert County Circuit Court. During the trial, the State called more than 25 witnesses and introduced nearly 300 pieces of physical evidence to prove the Defendant's guilt.

On June 5, 2025, Gilner conspired with 2 other individuals, both juveniles, to rob an alleged drug dealer. Gilner drove the get-away car to the scene of the robbery in Lusby and waited while his 2 accomplices attempted the robbery. During the incident, one of the accomplices shot the victim in the back. She survived. Gilner and his accomplices were arrested a short time later.

Gilner's sentencing is scheduled for March 23, 2026, before Judge Mark S. Chandlee. He is facing a maximum sentence of life imprisonment. Both of Gilner's accomplices pleaded guilty to attempted murder charges as adults.

This case was prosecuted by Assistant State's Attorney Christopher J. Monte and Benjamin G. Lerner.