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PRESS RELEASE

(Escambia County, Florida) On February 9, 2024, Ryan Earl Seals was sentenced to life in prison by Circuit Judge Coleman Lee Robinson following his conviction for Attempted Second Degree Murder by an Escambia County Jury. The trial lasted two days.

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On the afternoon of April 7, 2023, Mr. Seals and two others shot handguns at a home on Potomac Drive in Mayfair. After the initial volley, the suspects drove around the block and returned to the residence. Seals fired an additional five times before driving away. During the hail of gunfire, a 28 year-old woman was shot in the head. Despite suffering a grievous and permanent injury, she survived.

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Later that day, the suspect vehicle was located passing through Attucks Court. Mr. Seals was driving and led the police on a high-speed chase. After Seals crashed the vehicle, he fled on foot. During the foot chase, Seals was visibly armed with a firearm which was recovered. Forensic testing confirmed this was the firearm used to shoot the five rounds in the Mayfair gunfire incident.

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The jury also convicted Seals of Shooting from a Vehicle, Fleeing to Elude Law Enforcement at High Speed with Lights and Siren Activated, and Resisting an Officer Without Violence. Judge Robinson sentenced him to serve concurrent terms of incarceration for those counts.

The investigation and arrest were made by the Escambia County Sheriff's Office and Pensacola Police Department. Assistant State Attorney Amy Shea prosecuted the case on behalf of Ginger Bowden Madden, State Attorney for the First Judicial Circuit of Florida. For more information, please contact Ms. Shea at 850-595-0207.