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Man Sentenced to 66 Years in Prison For February 2008 Murder - Multiple Victims Targeted Following a Fight Inside Night Club -

WASHINGTON - Dane D. Owens, 28, was sentenced today to 66 years in prison for his role in the February 17, 2008 shooting outside Club Envy that killed 23 year-old Dusaan Scully, U.S. Attorney Ronald C. Machen Jr. announced.

Owens, from Jamaica, was found guilty in November 2010 of second degree murder, conspiracy to assault and kill, multiple counts of assault with intent to kill, and related weapons offenses. The verdict followed a trial in the Superior Court of the District of Columbia. He was sentenced by the Honorable Michael L. Rankin, who presided over the trial.

The government's evidence at trial showed that on February 17, 2008, at around 3:45 a.m., Owens and Scully got into a verbal argument inside Club Envy, in the 2100 block of Queens Chapel Road NE, Washington, D.C. Shortly after the argument, the victim was inside a vehicle with another male and two females as they attempted to drive away from the club.

Owens and several others surrounded Scully's car, using their vehicles to block him from escaping. Owens and at least five others then opened fire on the victim's car and its occupants. A total of 36 cartridge casings were recovered from the scene, and they were fired from five different 9mm semi-automatic pistols and at least one AK-47 type assault rifle.

Scully was killed by a single gunshot to his head while still seated inside the vehicle. One female victim was struck in the neck and survived. The other two occupants were shot at repeatedly, but miraculously escaped without physical injury. In addition, several hundred innocent bystanders were in the immediate area of this shooting and also escaped without injury.

In announcing the sentence, U.S. Attorney Machen commended the efforts of the Metropolitan Police Department officers who were involved in the investigation and prosecution of this case, including Detectives Anthony Patterson, Carol Queen, Jamell Stallings, Harbin Combee, and Don Monroe; Sergeant George Gray, and Officers Georgette Littlejohn, Curtis Lancaster, Charles Egan, and Leather Strong. In addition, Detective Thomas Eveler and Detective Michael Barnhardt of Prince George's County Police Department provided assistance with this investigation. U.S. Attorney Machen also cited the efforts of several members of his staff, including Litigation Support Services Technicians Leif Hickling, Joshua Ellen, and Paul Howell; Intelligence Analyst Lawrence Grasso; Victim Witness Security Specialist Maretta Forrest; Paralegal Kelly Blakeney; and Assistant U.S. Attorneys Jennifer Kerkhoff and Mary Chris Dobbie, who presented the government's case at trial.

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