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COMMONWEALTH'S ATTORNEY STEVE DESCANO ANNOUNCES RONNIE MARSHALL SENTENCED TO LIFE IN PRISON FOR MURDER OF SPRINGFIELD MILITARY COUPLE

Fairfax County, VA — Commonwealth's Attorney Steve Descano announced today that Ronnie Marshall, 22, was sentenced to life in prison for murdering Army (Ret.) Colonel Brenda and Colonel Dr. Edward McDaniel in front of their Springfield home.

A jury convicted Marshall of aggravated murder (when more than one person is killed in the same incident) and two counts of use of a firearm in commission of a felony in November 2022. Marshall received an additional 8 years on top of his life sentence for the two weapons charges, which are counted as first and second offenses and have mandatory minimums attached.

On May 26, 2021, Marshall, a DC resident, shot the couple while they were walking their dog in an "execution-style" killing that shocked the community. A few days prior to the killing, Marshall had attempted to burgle the McDaniels' house but was chased away. Marshall returned to the house a few days later and shot the couple because Col. Ed McDaniel "used his first name" during the conversation.

"The McDaniels dedicated their lives to serving others: their county, their patients, and their family and friends. To lose both of them, in such a shocking and egregious incident, is every family's worst nightmare," said CA Descano. "My thoughts are with their family and loved ones. I hope that today's sentencing decision brings this terrible chapter to a close and enables a step towards healing."

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