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TYSONS MALL SHOOTER NOAH SETTLES PLEADS GUILTY, FACES UP TO 33 YEARS

Fairfax County, VA – Today, Commonwealth's Attorney Steve Descano announced that DC rapper Noah Settles, 23, has pled guilty to four felonies regarding firing a gun in Tysons Corner Center Mall last summer. Settles faces up to 33 years in prison with a statutory minimum of three years.

Settles, a DC-based rapper known by the stage name "No Savage", pled guilty to four felony charges, including three counts of maliciously discharging a firearm in an occupied building and using a firearm in commission of a felony. He initially faced seven charges, including a felony charge of attempted malicious wounding and two misdemeanor charges for brandishing a firearm and carrying a concealed weapon.

"When I came into office, we promised to take serious crimes seriously. I can think of few more serious crimes than this: taking a gun and firing into a crowded, public space, endangering the safety of our community members and visitors, disrupting public life, and threatening their future sense of safety," CA Steve Descano said. "Today's outcome guarantees accountability for every piece of this incident. The defendant is pleading guilty to the most serious charges, giving the judge the opportunity to craft a sentence commensurate with seriousness of crime."

The shooting occurred on Saturday, June 18, 2022, over Father's Day Weekend. No one was hit by the bullets, but three people were injured during the mall's evacuation. In today's hearing, prosecutors showed video footage from mall surveillance cameras and bystanders' phones that show Settles getting into an altercation with another group of people before firing three shots by a mall kiosk. Settles turned himself over to police on June 22nd and has remained in custody since. A trial was set to begin Monday.

Descano added, "Gun violence is a scourge in our community. I can't imagine what it would be like to be in that mall with my daughter, and my heart goes out to the victims who have been affected by this incident. I hope that the result of today's hearing allows our community and the affected families to start the process of healing."

Sentencing was set for June 23.

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