



Office of the Prosecuting Attorney

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

MARTINSBURG, WV – Berkeley County Prosecuting Attorney Catie Wilkes Delligatti announces today that a Berkeley County jury found Lateef J. McGann, 29, of Martinsburg, West Virginia, guilty of Escape and Destruction of Property. McGann cut off his home confinement ankle monitor and eluded authorities for seventeen days in 2017. Escape is punishable by up to five years in prison and Destruction of Property is punishable by up to one year in jail. The two-day trial was held before the Honorable Judge Bridget Cohee of the 23rd Judicial Circuit.

This matter was investigated by C. Mark Hofe, Chief Probation Officer for the 23rd Judicial Circuit. The Berkeley County Sheriff's Department, Martinsburg City Police, and West Virginia State Police all assisted in the apprehension of Mr. McGann upon his escape in 2017. This case was prosecuted by Berkeley County Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Joseph R. Kinser. Ms. Delligatti would like to thank the Probation Department and all local law enforcement for their efforts in keeping the community safe, and the jury for carefully weighing the evidence and providing a verdict that achieves justice.