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**PRESS RELEASE**

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**RE: COMMONWEALTH V. MARKALE A. SOWELL**

**HIGH SPEED CHASE ENDS IN CONVICTION**

A Harrisburg man faces years in state prison after being convicted of leading police on a high-speed chase, District Attorney Eric R. Linhardt announced.

Following a two-day trial in County Court, Markale A. Sowell, 37, who was convicted of fleeing and eluding police, persons not to possess firearms, carrying a firearm without a license, recklessly endangering another person and simple assault. Sowell also has prior convictions for assault, robbery and firearms offenses in New Jersey.

In September of 2010, city police responded to a report of an assault with a weapon in the 600 block of Second Street. Once they began following Sowell, he took them on a high-speed chase around the city, eventually crashing into a tree and building on Campbell Street. Sowell ran from the vehicle, but was caught by police. Inside the vehicle, police found a loaded .22-caliber revolver.

During the investigation, it was learned that Sowell held the revolver while threatening a woman at 622 Second St., which prompted the initial police call.

Sowell, who represented himself at trial, is scheduled for sentencing on Nov. 30 before Judge Marc F. Lovecchio. Sowell has remained incarcerated in lieu of bail since his arrest. The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney A. Melissa Kalas.