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BRANDON JONES SENTENCED TO SERVE 10 YEARS FOR VOLUNTARY MANSLAUGHTER CONVICTION

PORTSMOUTH, VA- On February 14, 2024, Brandon Jones was ordered to serve the maximum sentence of 10 years for killing 23-year-old Toni Leanna Goddard on June 8, 2022, followed by 2 years supervised probation upon release.

At the conclusion of the trial on December 6, 2023, the jury found Jones guilty of Voluntary Manslaughter.

According to evidence presented by the Office of the Commonwealth's Attorney during the trial, Jones picked up Goddard in the Prentis Park section of the city and brought her to his home. While at Jones' home, the two became involved in an altercation. Goddard threw a porcelain statue at Jones and then grabbed a pair of scissors. Jones took the scissors from Goddard and stabbed her multiple times, which resulted in her death. Jones then removed Goddard's body from his home and disposed of it in the area of Campostella Road and I-264 in Norfolk, Virginia.

This matter was prosecuted by Deputy Commonwealth's Attorney Lynnette Hill.

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