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### **BRANDON JONES CONVICTED OF VOLUNTARY MANSLAUGHTER**

**PORTSMOUTH, VA-** In the matter of the *Commonwealth v. Brandon Charles Jones*, the jury has found the defendant guilty of Voluntary Manslaughter, in the killing of 23-year-Toni Leanna Goddard on June 8, 2022.

The two-day jury trial concluded on December 6, 2023.

Evidence presented by the Commonwealth during the trial showed that Jones picked up Goddard in the Prentis Park section of the city and brought her to his home. While at Jones' home, an altercation ensued between the two. Goddard threw a porcelain statue at Jones 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.

Jones faces up to 10 years in prison and is scheduled to be sentenced on February 14, 2024.

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

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