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KARNELL POUGH, JR. CONVICTED OF SECOND DEGREE MURDER

PORTSMOUTH, VA – After a two-day jury trial (August 30-31, 2022,) the defendant Karnell Pough, Jr., was found guilty of second-degree murder and robbery in the murder of Mr. Paris Folston.

Based on legislative changes, post July 1, 2021, defendants have a right to select a jury sentencing or to be sentenced by the judge of the circuit court, who presided over the jury trial. In this instance, the defendant, Karnell Pough, Jr., opted to be sentenced by the judge of the circuit court, who presided over the jury trial.

The defendant will return for sentencing by the court on November 7, 2022. An update will be provided after sentencing.

The trial was handled by Deputy Commonwealth's Attorney Christopher Warman.

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