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WILL PATTERSON, JR. SENTENCED TO 88 ACTIVE YEARS IN ATTEMPTED AGGRAVATED MURDER, MALICIOUS INJURY TO LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER AND ALL RELATED CONVICTIONS

PORTSMOUTH, VA – After a three-day jury trial (September 7-9, 2022,) the defendant, Will Patterson, Jr., was found guilty of twelve (12) counts, including attempted aggravated murder, aggravated malicious wounding, malicious injury to law enforcement officer, three (3) counts of use of a firearm in the commission of a felony, four (4) counts of shoot in public with bodily injury, carry concealed weapon and possession of a firearm by minor, in the shooting of Portsmouth Police Officer Angelina Baaklini White.

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, Will Patterson, Jr., opted to be sentenced by the judge of the circuit court, who presided over the jury trial.

Today, April 12, 2023 Will Patterson, Jr. was sentenced to 160 years with 54 years suspended (18 years active and 4 years suspended of which are to run concurrently with other charges) and 5 years of supervised probation for a total active period of incarceration of 88 years. The trial team consisted of Senior Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Haille Hogfeldt and Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Camden Freeman.

“It has been our only goal to fight to the best of our ability to provide justice for our victim and everyone who worked to save her life back in 2017. We have great respect for the court's sentencing decision today and we are grateful for the jury's service back in September. We are proud to have contributed to making Portsmouth a safer place for all.”

- Senior ACA Haille Hogfeldt and ACA Camden Freeman

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“I applaud the bravery of the victim, who was harmed while serving our community, and I commend every witness and participant in this process who was impacted by the defendant’s malicious acts. I also applaud the efforts of my attorneys and the jurors who performed a vital service to our Portsmouth community, which laid the foundation for the court’s sentencing decision today. Our team works diligently to seek justice for victims of violent crime every single day and I am proud of the commitment Attorneys Hogfeldt and Freeman have consistently displayed in the handling of this matter.”

- Stephanie N. Morales, Commonwealth’s Attorney

Sentencing Breakdown – To obtain record information please contact the Circuit Court Clerk

Count 1 - Attempted Aggravated Murder: 60 years w/ 30 years suspended and 5 years of supervised probation

Count 2 - Use of Firearm in Commission of Felony: 3 years

Count 3 - Malicious Injury to Law Enforcement: 30 years w/ 10 years suspended

Count 4 - Use of Firearm in Commission of Felony: 5 years

Counts 5-8 - Shoot in Public Causing Injury: 5 years/1 year suspended on each count.
Counts 5-8 are served concurrently with count 1.

Count 9 - Concealed weapon: 12 months

Count 10 - Weapon by Minor: 12 months
Counts 9 and 10 are to be served concurrently with count 3.

Count 11 - Aggravated Malicious Wounding: 35 years w/ 10 suspended.

Count 12 - Use of Firearm during commission of felony: 5 years
All other counts are to run consecutively

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