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WILL PATTERSON, JR. FOUND GUILTY OF ATTEMPTED AGGRAVATED MURDER, MALICIOUS INJURY TO LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER AND ALL OTHER COUNTS

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.

The defendant will return for sentencing by the court on November 9, 2022. An update will be provided after sentencing. The trial team consisted of Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Haille Hogfeldt and Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Camden Freeman.

“It was 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 are grateful for the jury's service and are proud to have contributed to making Portsmouth a safer place for all.”

- ACA Haille Hogfeldt and ACA Camden Freeman

“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 this week. Our team works diligently to seek justice for victims of violent crime every single day and this week's efforts by ACAs Hogfeldt and Freeman were no different.”

- Stephanie N. Morales, Commonwealth's Attorney

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