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### SHAWN GRANT CONVICTED OF FIRST-DEGREE MURDER

**PORTSMOUTH, VA** — After a two-day jury trial, the defendant, Shawn Grant, was found guilty of 1<sup>st</sup> degree murder and use of a firearm in the commission of the murder of Anthony Reid Jr., on January 8, 2020. The jurors for the city of Portsmouth recommended life for the 1<sup>st</sup> degree murder and three years for the use of a firearm in the commission of that felony. Formal sentencing will take place on March 10, 2020.

On September 5, 2019, defendant, Timothy Woods was sentenced to thirty-three years in prison, after having also been convicted by a jury on May 8, 2019, in the first-degree murder of Anthony Reid Jr.

On September 9, 2018, Shawn Grant and Timothy Woods approached the car of Anthony Reid Jr., which was parked on Centre Avenue, in the city of Portsmouth. Shawn Grant fired one shot into the head of Anthony Reid Jr., from the driver side. Timothy Woods remained on the driver's side while Shawn Grant went to the passenger side and shot three additional shots into the head of Anthony Reid Jr. Both Shawn Grant and Timothy Woods returned to their vehicle and fled the scene. The incident was captured on surveillance footage. Timothy Woods identified himself on the footage and admitted that he was present at the driver side window, pushing over Anthony Reid Jr. after he was shot. Shawn Grant subsequently stated, "I shot his ass because we had words."

Chief Deputy Teresa Murrell and Deputy Shaniqua Clark Nelson represented the Commonwealth in both trials.

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