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NICHOLAS MOFFITT SENTENCED IN FIRST-DEGREE MURDER TRIAL

PORTSMOUTH, VA — After a two-day jury trial (July 8-9, 2021), the defendant, Nicholas Moffitt, was found guilty of first-degree murder and use of a firearm in the commission of a felony in the murder of Jermaine Iriarte, of Portsmouth, Virginia.

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, Nicholas Moffitt, opted to be sentenced by the judge of the circuit court, who presided over the jury trial.

On October 18, 2021, the defendant, Nicholas Moffitt, was sentenced to forty-eight (48) years on the charge of first-degree murder, with eight (8) years suspended, three (3) years on the use of a firearm in the commission of a felony, and five (5) years for the reckless handling of a firearm, totaling forty-eight (48) years active in a Virginia Correctional Facility for the crimes committed in Portsmouth, Virginia.

The trial team consisted of Deputy CaShea C. Coleman and Deputy Christopher T. Warman and was the first murder jury trial in Portsmouth to commence since 2020, when the pandemic began.

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