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### **RYAN WINFIELD GUILTY SECOND DEGREE MURDER**

**PORTSMOUTH, VA** - On May 8, 2023, Ryan Winfield pleaded guilty to Second Degree Murder. The defendant's sentencing hearing will be held on August 10, 2023. This matter was handled by Deputy Commonwealth's Attorney Christopher Warman and Senior Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Haille Hogfeldt. The remaining charges of use of a firearm in commission of felony, shooting in committing or attempting a felony, discharging a firearm within or at building or dwelling house were nolle prosequed upon the Court's acceptance of the defendant's guilty plea to second degree murder.

**Summary of Facts:** On November 9, 2021, the defendant, Ryan Winfield, was at the home of the victim, Auriel McLaurin, at 2118 Pearl Street in the City of Portsmouth. One of McLaurin's roommates and her infant daughter were also in the home at the time. The defendant and McLaurin got into a fight, at which point the roommate took the victim's daughter into his room to feed her. After the fight, as he was leaving, the defendant fired three gunshots through the front door of the house while McLaurin was directly on the side of the door. The door was closed and locked when he fired the gunshots. Two of the gunshots struck McLaurin, and she died as a result of the gunshot wounds to her head and torso.

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