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RYHEEM HARGROW PUGH FOUND GUILTY OF SECOND DEGREE MURDER

PORTSMOUTH, VA- In the matter of *Commonwealth v. Ryheem Jasaun Hargrow Pugh*, the jury found the defendant guilty of Second Degree Murder, Use of a Firearm in Commission of a Felony and Shooting in Commission of a Felony in the murder of 34 -year-old Rocco Marcus Nixon on June 1, 2023

The trial concluded on February 15, 2024.

Evidence presented by the Commonwealth during the trial showed that the morning of June 1, the defendant and the victim arrived at a daycare center that the victim's children attend. Hargrow Pugh, was inside a vehicle with the mother of the victim's children and the children. Nixon was in a separate vehicle. Hargrow Pugh and Nixon both exited the vehicles and Hargrow Pugh fired gunshots at Nixon, striking him multiple times. Nixon was later pronounced deceased at the hospital.

Hargrow Pugh is scheduled to be sentenced on April 30, 2024.

This matter was prosecuted by Chief Deputy Commonwealth's Attorney Joyce Weddle.

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