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TYQUAN ANDERSON FOUND GUILTY OF VOLUNTARY MANSLAUGHTER

PORTSMOUTH, VA- In the matter of Commonwealth v. Tyquan Raysean Anderson, the defendant has been found guilty of Voluntary Manslaughter, two counts of Unlawful Wounding and Possession of a Firearm by a Convicted Felon, in the fatal shooting of 28-year-old Robert Artis II on June 1, 2019.

The trial concluded on November 15, 2023.

Evidence presented by the Office of the Commonwealth's Attorney during the trial showed that the defendant fired multiple gunshots towards an individual who was standing near the victim on Mt. Vernon Avenue in the London Oaks neighborhood. Mr. Artis was not the intended target but was fatally injured in the shooting. Several other people also sustained gunshot wounds but survived.

Anderson is scheduled to be sentenced on January 29, 2024.

This matter was prosecuted by Deputy Commonwealth's Attorney Bernadine Gerlach.

"It is our hope that this prosecution will bring peace and closure to our victim's family. This office remains committed to pursuing justice for the members of our community." – Stephanie N. Morales, Commonwealth's Attorney

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