



Stafford County Commonwealth's Attorney Eric Olsen

Press Release

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Antoine Johnson Homicide Case

On September 8, 2015 Antoine Johnson was indicted on a charge of Capital Murder in the death of Jeremy Brown. The original charge of First Degree Murder has been upgraded to Capital Murder, alleging that the murder was committed during the commission of an attempted robbery.

Today, Stafford Commonwealth's Attorney Eric L. Olsen filed a Notice informing the Court and the defendant that the Commonwealth will waive the death penalty in the prosecution of Antoine Johnson. We will not seek the death penalty in this case.

The decision to seek the death penalty in a capital murder case is the most serious and sobering decision a prosecutor is required to make. There are many factors to consider and all were considered in reaching the decision in this case. The decision was discussed with the family of Jeremy Brown and their feelings were taken into account.

If convicted of Capital Murder, Antoine Johnson will be sentenced to life imprisonment without the possibility of parole.

Eric L. Olsen, Commonwealth's Attorney