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Prince William County Commonwealth's Attorney Amy Ashworth announces the sentencing of Adrian Kendall Bryant on the first-degree murder conviction arising from the July 12, 2021, murder of a 17-year-old juvenile in Woodbridge, Virginia and the successful prosecution of Paul England for the February 2023 stabbing that occurred in Woodbridge, Virginia.

Commonwealth of Virginia v. Adrian Kendall Bryant

On July 12, 2021, at approximately 11 am, Adrian Kendall Bryant met with the juvenile victim, along with two other individuals at a location on Still Place in Prince William County. Several homeowners' cameras captured the brief interaction between the juvenile and Mr. Bryant, who produced a handgun and fired three shots at the juvenile victim, hitting him twice. Mr. Bryant then fled the scene in the vehicle that had transported the juvenile to Still Place. The juvenile victim was transported to Sentara Hospital and pronounced dead.

On January 23, 2023, Adrian Kendall Bryant pled guilty to first-degree murder in the Prince William County Circuit Court. The Honorable James Willett presided over the sentencing hearing which took place on September 8, 2023. Mr. Bryant was sentenced to fifty years in prison with 11 years suspended. Upon release, he will be supervised in the community for a period of ten years.

The case was prosecuted by Chief Deputy Commonwealth's Attorney Kristina Robinson. The Office of the Commonwealth's Attorney would like to commend the Prince William County Police Department for their investigation of the case and Sara Vutiprichar, Deputy Director of the Commonwealth's Attorney's Victim/Witness Program, for the assistance she provided the victim's family.

Commonwealth of Virginia v. Paul England

On February 2, 2023, Prince William County Police responded to a home on Crest Drive in Woodbridge, Virginia where they found a woman bleeding profusely from a stab wound to her neck. Investigation revealed that the woman and Mr. Paul England had been in the home of the

accused when he accused the victim of stealing his property. When the victim denied stealing the property, she was stabbed in the neck. The victim was transported to Sentara Hospital where she received care for her injuries which left a clearly visible scar on her neck.

The case was tried to a jury on September 5 and 6, 2023. After hearing the evidence and argument from both defense counsel and the prosecution, the jury returned a verdict of guilty of Malicious Wounding, a Class 3 felony which carries a possible prison sentence of between 5 and 20 years and a fine of up to \$100,000. The case is set for sentencing on January 12, 2024.

The Commonwealth wishes to acknowledge the hard work of Deputy Commonwealth's Attorney Matthew J. Sweet who handled the prosecution, Officer Fearnow of the Prince William County Police Department who did the investigation, and the many men and women with the Prince William County Fire and Rescue who helped the victim on the day of the incident, as well as Saige Cisler and Arturo Guzman with the Commonwealth's Attorney's Victim/Witness Program.

Amy Ashworth offered the following comment: “Both of these cases involve unnecessary acts of violence, one of which tragically resulted in the death of a 16-year-old. Our office takes these cases very seriously and is committed to prosecuting such acts and holding the offenders responsible. Our community’s safety is and always has been our number one concern.”

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Amy Ashworth is the elected Commonwealth's Attorney for Prince William County and the Cities of Manassas and Manassas Park. She was elected in November 2019. The Commonwealth Attorney's Office can be reached from 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. every business day by phone at 703-792-6050 or email at cwoffice@pwcgov.org.

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