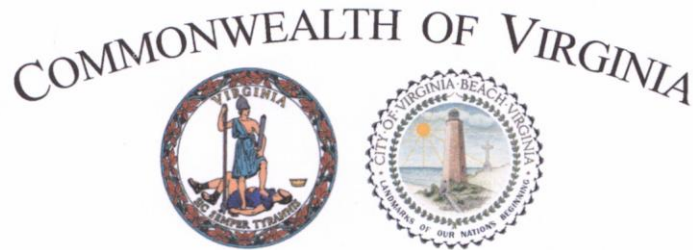


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**Commonwealth v. Jacquan Leeonte Wilson
Man Sentenced to 56 Years for 2016 Murder of Teen**

Virginia Beach, Va. – Colin D. Stolle, Commonwealth's Attorney for the city of Virginia Beach, announced that Jacquan Leeonte Wilson, 25 years old, formerly of the 800 block of Harbor North Drive in Chesapeake, Virginia, was sentenced on charges of First Degree Felony Murder, Robbery, and Use of a Firearm. Wilson was found guilty of these charges on March 29, 2023, after a three-day jury trial. Circuit Court Judge Stephen C. Mahan, who presided over the trial, sentenced Wilson to 73 years in prison with 17 years suspended, leaving 56 years to serve.

The Commonwealth's evidence proved that on May 1, 2016, Jacquan Wilson and Andarion McInnis arranged a drug deal with the victim, 18-year-old Bryant Cueto. Cueto was going to sell Wilson and McInnis Xanax. Cueto's friend, who was unaware of the plans for the drug deal, drove Cueto to the Applebee's parking lot on General Booth Boulevard in Virginia Beach. Cueto first met up with another individual, who gave him the Xanax bars. A few minutes later, Wilson and McInnis came over to the vehicle where Cueto sat in the passenger seat with his friend in the driver's seat. Wilson got into the backseat of the vehicle and McInnis leaned over into the driver's window. Immediately, Wilson produced a revolver and demanded the Xanax from Cueto. Cueto refused to give it to him, and McInnis said, "Pop him!" Wilson shot Cueto in the back and grabbed the pills. McInnis and Wilson fled on foot to a vehicle driven by a female friend who waited nearby.

Cueto's friend called 911 and began frantically driving to the hospital. On the way, he got the attention of police, who attempted rescue efforts. Cueto died shortly thereafter at the hospital. An investigation led police to McInnis and Wilson as suspects. McInnis' fingerprints were found on the driver's side door panel just below the window. Wilson posted on social media later that evening about having Xanax for sale. In an interview with detectives, Wilson confessed to the murder.

After a trial on June 21, 2023, Wilson was convicted of Attempted Escape in connection with his attempt to flee the courtroom on February 28, 2022, during a court appearance on his murder case. Two Virginia Beach Sheriff's Deputies sustained injuries during his escape attempt. Wilson is serving twelve (12) months in jail for this crime.

Deputy Commonwealth's Attorney Paul J. Powers and Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Justin M. Brewster prosecuted this case. Please contact Macie Allen if additional information is desired.

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