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**Commonwealth v. Breon Isaiah Hobbs
Teen Sentenced to 25 Years in Prison for Murder, Robbery of Mentor**

Virginia Beach, Va. – Colin D. Stolle, Commonwealth's Attorney for the city of Virginia Beach, announced that Breon Isaiah Hobbs, age 19, of the 600 block of Goose Creek Road in Virginia Beach, Virginia, was sentenced today for Second Degree Murder, Robbery, and Use of a Firearm. Circuit Court Judge Kevin M. Duffan sentenced Hobbs to forty (40) years in prison with fifteen (15) years suspended, leaving 25 years to serve.

Hobbs pled guilty on February 7, 2022. If this matter had gone to trial, the Commonwealth's evidence would have proven that on February 2, 2020, Breon Hobbs went to Travis Gordon's home on Windermere Court in Virginia Beach, to purchase marijuana and ask to borrow money. He took with him a handgun. He spoke to Gordon on the outside patio, and Gordon refused to lend him the money. Hobbs then pulled out his gun, shot Gordon in the head, and stole approximately \$700 of Gordon's rent money. Gordon's young child found him injured and went to get help from Gordon's girlfriend, who was inside the home. Responding officers found Gordon bleeding heavily from the head, nose, and ear. He was taken to the hospital where he died two days later.

Gordon and Hobbs, ages 30 and 17 at the time of the murder, respectively, had known each other for a long time. Gordon acted as a mentor and friend to Hobbs. When questioned by detectives, Hobbs initially denied involvement in Gordon's murder. He eventually admitted to the crimes, explained why he sought out Gordon, and admitted planning to rob him at gunpoint if he did not willingly give Hobbs the money.

Hobbs was a juvenile at the time of the offense, but his case was certified to Circuit Court for trial as an adult due to the serious nature of the crimes.

Deputy Commonwealth's Attorney Sara R. Chandler and Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Megan M. Lang prosecuted this case. Please contact Macie Allen if additional information is desired.

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