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**Commonwealth v. Cameron Shane Barclift  
Teen Sentenced to 17 Years for Murder**

Virginia Beach, Va. – Colin D. Stolle, Commonwealth's Attorney for the city of Virginia Beach, announced that Cameron Shane Barclift, age 18, formerly of Corby Circle in Chesapeake, Virginia, was sentenced today by Circuit Court Judge A. Bonwill Shockley for charges of Second Degree Murder and Use of a Firearm. Judge Shockley sentenced Barclift to 23 years in prison with six (6) years suspended, leaving seventeen (17) years to serve.

Barclift pled guilty on March 16, 2021. Had this matter gone to trial, the Commonwealth's evidence would have proven that at around 11:00 p.m. on May 8, 2019, four young adults rode in a truck leaving Croc's 19<sup>th</sup> Street Bistro in Virginia Beach. Everyone in the truck worked at Croc's except for the victim, Cole Grant. As they left, they passed three juveniles walking in the Croc's parking lot. The windows in the vehicle were down, and the group could smell marijuana coming from the juveniles. One of the passengers in the truck yelled, jokingly, to the juveniles, "Hey, stop smoking a doobie."

As the truck stopped before turning onto 19<sup>th</sup> Street, the driver looked in his rearview mirror and saw Cameron Barclift point a handgun and shoot once at the truck. The bullet shattered the back window and struck Cole in the head, killing him. The driver called his boss and told him about the shooting and the juveniles' direction of travel. He and another witness followed the juveniles. On 18<sup>th</sup> Street, the witnesses encountered an officer who had heard the gunshot. The witnesses ran to the officer and yelled, "Stop those people. Stop those three. That kid just killed my friend."

The officer stopped the juveniles, who smelled like marijuana, and the witnesses both identified Barclift as the person who shot Cole. Barclift took a handgun out of his pocket and threw it on the

ground. As Barclift complied with the officer's commands to get on the ground, he put his hands out and stated, "I did it. I did it. I shot that dude." In a subsequent interview with police, Barclift said he shot at the truck because someone in the truck had called him a "bitch" and he "thought they were going to do something."

Barclift was a juvenile at the time of the offense. His charges were certified to the Circuit Court for trial as an adult.

Assistant Commonwealth's Attorneys Shannon S. Dolida and Joseph A. DiNonno prosecuted this case. Please contact Macie Allen if additional information is desired.

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