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**Commonwealth v. Malik Brown
Man to Serve 30 Years for Fatal Shooting at 7-Eleven**

Colin D. Stolle, Commonwealth's Attorney for the City of Virginia Beach, announced today that Malik Brown, 22 years old, formerly of the 7100 block of Sewells Point Road in Norfolk, Virginia, was formally sentenced to 25 years in prison for Second Degree Murder and Use of a Firearm. Brown was found guilty on February 28, 2020 after a three-day jury trial, and the jury recommended the 25-year sentence. Today, Circuit Court Judge Stephen C. Mahan, who presided over the trial, formally imposed that sentence. Brown also pled guilty to Possession of a Firearm by a Felon and received sentence of five (5) years, bringing his total sentence to thirty (30) years in prison.

The Commonwealth's evidence proved that on March 4, 2019, the victim, Malcolm Jones, was shot at close range by Malik Brown during a verbal dispute in the parking lot of 7-Eleven located at 1672 Virginia Beach Boulevard in Virginia Beach. Brown shot Jones as he was pulling out of the parking lot. Jones collapsed to the ground immediately and died at Virginia Beach General Hospital later that day. Following the shooting, Brown threw the gun he used off the Campostella Bridge and fled the area with his girlfriend. Detectives with the Virginia Beach Police Department were able to track down Brown and arrest him later that day in Waverly, Virginia.

Brown's prior record includes convictions in the Norfolk Circuit Court for Robbery, Use of a Firearm, and Malicious Wounding.

Deputy Commonwealth's Attorney Janeé D. Joslin and Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Michael D. Defricke prosecuted the case. Please contact Macie Allen if additional information is desired.

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