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**Commonwealth v. Malik Brown
Jury Recommends 25 Years in Prison for Shooting at 7-Eleven**

Colin D. Stolle, Commonwealth's Attorney for the City of Virginia Beach, announced today that Malik Brown, 21 years old, previously residing in the 7100 block of Sewells Point Road in Norfolk, Virginia, was found guilty by a jury on charges of Second Degree Murder and Use of a Firearm. Circuit Court Judge Stephen C. Mahan presided over the three-day jury trial. The jury recommended a sentence of 25 years in prison. Formal sentencing is scheduled for July 7, 2020.

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 charges of Grand Larceny of an Auto as a juvenile and felony convictions in the Norfolk Circuit Court for Robbery, Use of a Firearm, and Malicious Wounding.

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

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