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**Commonwealth v. Riley Garrett Miller
20 Years in Prison for Stabbing Officer, Set-Up of Armed Robbery**

Virginia Beach, Va. – Colin D. Stolle, Commonwealth's Attorney for the city of Virginia Beach, announced that Riley Garrett Miller, age 21, formerly of the 4700 block of Victory Road in Virginia Beach, Virginia, was sentenced today by Circuit Court Judge A. Bonwill Shockley for charges of Attempted Second Degree Murder, Malicious Wounding, Robbery, Use of a Firearm, Conspiracy, and Possession of Schedule I/II Drug. Judge Shockley sentenced Miller to 37 years in prison with 17 years suspended leaving twenty (20) years to serve.

Miller pled guilty to charges of Robbery, Use of a Firearm, Conspiracy, and Possession of Schedule I/II Drug on September 28, 2020. Judge Shockley found him guilty of Attempted Second Degree Murder and Malicious Wounding after a trial. The Commonwealth's evidence proved that on December 13, 2017, Riley Miller, who was a juvenile at the time, provided a gun to another juvenile, Jonathan Todora, to use in a robbery. Todora exchanged messages with the victim, who was a female college student, setting up a deal to sell Xanax to her. Ultimately, the victim picked up Todora in her vehicle, and Todora robbed her at gunpoint in a parking lot. He struck her in the face with the firearm several times, took \$300 from her, and fled on foot.

The victim ran to police officers at a nearby Wawa store and reported the robbery. As officers searched for the suspect, 911 dispatch alerted them that a person matching the robbery suspect's description was reported to be arguing with his stepfather and armed with a knife. Officers arrived at that scene wearing police uniforms and in marked police vehicles. They encountered Miller and gave commands for Miller to get on the ground, but Miller did not comply and began to step away. As an officer bear-hugged Miller from behind, they fell to the ground, and another officer saw a knife in Miller's hand. That officer yelled out, "Knife!" and the struggle continued until officers got Miller to the ground and secured the knife.