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**Commonwealth v. Rakim Malik Nottingham
Judge Imposes 30-Year Sentence for Sexual Assault, Attack of Woman at Motel**

Colin D. Stolle, Commonwealth's Attorney for the city of Virginia Beach, announced that Rakim Malik Nottingham, 24 years old, formerly of the 1200 block of Pipers Crescent in Virginia Beach, Virginia, was sentenced today on charges of Rape, Forcible Sodomy, Malicious Wounding, and three (3) counts of Use of a Firearm. A jury found him guilty of these charges on March 4, 2019, and recommended he serve 30 years in prison. Today, Circuit Court Judge Glenn R. Croshaw, formally imposed that sentence.

The Commonwealth's evidence proved that on February 1, 2015, Rakim Malik Nottingham contacted the victim after finding an online advertisement for her services as a prostitute. Nottingham and the victim agreed on a price and that he would meet her at the Motel 6 on Euclid Road in Virginia Beach. When he arrived, he asked if he could use the restroom. He then exited the restroom with a gun and demanded money. She gave him money from her nightstand, but he demanded more money. He pistol-whipped the victim and sexually assaulted her. Eventually the victim began to crawl out of the motel room on her hands and knees, calling for help. Nottingham ran past her into the breezeway of the motel. He pointed the gun at a witness in the motel stairway.

The victim went to the hospital and a Sexual Assault Nurse Examination (SANE) was performed. Seminal fluid was collected and underwent forensic analysis. A DNA match was made to Nottingham. When questioned by police, Nottingham initially stated that he did not have a gun with him, but eventually admitted that he did. He claimed that the victim reported him for rape because he did not have the money to pay her.

Nottingham has prior convictions for Robbery, Use of a Firearm, Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle, and Petit Larceny (2 counts).