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**Commonwealth v. Zorobabel Matthan Griggs
Man Sentenced to 22 Years in Prison for Fatal Shooting**

Colin D. Stolle, Commonwealth's Attorney for the city of Virginia Beach, announced that Zorobabel Matthan Griggs, age 44, pled guilty and was sentenced for charges of Second Degree Murder, Use of a Firearm, and Possession of a Firearm by a Violent Felon. In accordance with a plea agreement, Circuit Court Judge Glenn R. Croshaw sentenced Griggs to fifty (50) years in prison with 28 years suspended, leaving 22 years to serve.

Had this matter gone to trial, the Commonwealth's evidence would have proven that on June 11, 2017, Zorobabel Griggs was with Keisa Overby Staton, the victim, in an apartment on Gourmet Way in Virginia Beach. Griggs and the victim were seen on security footage walking up the apartment at 9:34 p.m. on June 10, 2017. Griggs was seen coming down the stairs by himself the next morning at 7:23 a.m., with his hand in his pocket trying to conceal an item. Staton was never seen on camera again. Staton was later discovered in the apartment, fatally shot with a .40 caliber bullet.

After the homicide, Griggs walked to a nearby 7-Eleven. This was later found to be captured on surveillance footage from the store. He had a shirt wrapped around an object in his hand. Police learned that Griggs called his mother, walked to a relative's house nearby, and then asked the relative to drive him to his mother's house. He confessed to his mother that he killed Staton. The relative overheard Griggs' confession. During an interview with police, both Griggs' mother and the other relative confirmed Griggs' confession. Griggs' mother then took him to her church in Norfolk, where the pastor ultimately urged Griggs' mother to call 911. She did so, and attempted to direct police to the apartment complex where they could locate the victim. She also provided Griggs' cell phone number. Griggs did not answer or hung up several times when dispatch attempted to reach him.