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Prince William County Commonwealth's Attorney Amy Ashworth announces the successful prosecution of Jordan Anderson arising from the December 26, 2019, robbery and murder at the Denny's restaurant in Manassas, Virginia. On September 27, 2022, after a ten-day trial, Mr. Anderson was convicted of 45 felony counts, including second-degree murder, two counts of aggravated malicious wounding, seventeen counts of abduction for pecuniary benefit, one count of robbery, one count of attempted robbery, one count of burglary at night with the intent to commit robbery, and twenty-two counts of use or display of a firearm in the commission of a felony. On June 8, 2023, Mr. Anderson was sentenced by Judge Irving of the Prince William County Circuit Court to an active prison sentence of 87 years.

Commonwealth of Virginia v. Jordan Anderson

On December 26, 2019, at approximately 2:30 am, Jordan Anderson and another individual entered the Denny's on Sudley Road with the intent to rob its occupants. The evidence showed that during the incident, Mr. Anderson and his companion held the employees and patrons of the Denny's against their will while attempting to get money from the Denny's. Mr. Anderson, as he was leaving, shot and severely wounded a patron of the restaurant. Upon exiting the building, Mr. Anderson also shot Mr. Yusuf Ozgur, a food delivery driver arriving to pick up an order. Despite the emergency medical intervention Mr. Ozgur received, he succumbed to his injuries and passed away.

The case was prosecuted by Commonwealth's Attorney Amy Ashworth, Chief Deputy Commonwealth's Attorney Kristina Robinson, and Senior Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Christian Malott. The Office of the Commonwealth's Attorney would like to recognize Sara Vutiprichar, Deputy Director of the Commonwealth's Attorney's Victim/Witness Program, for the invaluable assistance she provided the victims and their families and Staff Attorney Kimberly Hackbarth for her assistance with pretrial and trial motions. We also want to recognize the hard work of the Prince William County Police Department, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms during the investigation.

Amy Ashworth, Commonwealth's Attorney, offered the following comment about this case:

“The Commonwealth’s Attorney’s Office wishes to thank all those involved that assisted in the successful prosecution of this case. We are satisfied that the sentence of the court sends a clear message that violent gun crime has no place in our community.”

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Amy Ashworth is the elected Commonwealth's Attorney for Prince William County and the Cities of Manassas and Manassas Park. She was elected in November 2019. The Commonwealth Attorney's Office can be reached from 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. every business day by phone at 703-792-6050 or email at cwooffice@pwcgov.org.

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