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Prince William County Commonwealth's Attorney Amy Ashworth announces the successful prosecution of Adrian Kendall Bryant arising from the July 12, 2021, murder of a 17-year-old juvenile in Woodbridge, Virginia. The Commonwealth's case against Mr. Bryant was set for jury trial today to begin at 10:00 a.m., however, Mr. Bryant entered a guilty plea to the charge of first-degree murder at his arraignment at 9:00 a.m.

Commonwealth of Virginia v. Adrian Kendall Bryant

On July 12, 2021, at approximately 11 am, Adrian Kendall Bryant met with the juvenile victim, along with two other individuals at a location on Still Place in Prince William County. Several homeowners' cameras captured the brief interaction between the juvenile and Mr. Bryant who produced a handgun and fired three shots at the juvenile victim, hitting him twice. Mr. Bryant then fled the scene in the vehicle that had transported the juvenile to Still Place. The juvenile victim was transported to Sentara Hospital and pronounced dead.

On January 23, 2023, Adrian Kendall Bryant pled guilty to first-degree murder in the Prince William County Circuit Court, which carries a sentence of up to life in prison and a fine of \$100,000. There is no plea agreement or recommendation as to the sentence. A sentencing hearing for Mr. Bryant has been scheduled for June 15, 2023, before the Honorable James Willett. Mr. Bryant remains in custody at the Prince William-Manassas Regional Adult Detention Center.

The case was prosecuted by Chief Deputy Commonwealth's Attorney Kristina Robinson. The Office of the Commonwealth's Attorney would like to commend the Prince William County Police Department for their investigation of the case and Sara Vutiprichar, Deputy Director of the Commonwealth's Attorney's Victim/Witness Program, for the assistance she provided the victim's family.

Amy Ashworth, Commonwealth's Attorney, offered the following comment about this case: "There is no greater tragedy than the loss of a child to gun violence. The Commonwealth's Attorney's Office vigorously prosecutes violent crime and offers its sincerest condolences to the victim's family."

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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 cwoffice@pwcgov.org.

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