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### **YOHANNES NESSIBU CONVICTED OF 2016 MURDER**

**(Fairfax County, VA)** — Commonwealth's Attorney Steve Descano announced today that an Alexandria man was convicted of first-degree murder and use of a firearm in the commission of a felony. Yohannes Nessibu, 28, was convicted by a jury after more than a week of testimony. He faces up to life in prison.

The charges against Nessibu stemmed from the shooting death of Kedest Simeneh, 22, who was found in the backyard of a Burke residence Dec. 22, 2016.

"This young woman's life ended tragically and needlessly," CA Descano said. "My heart is heavy, and my thoughts are with her family. This case demonstrates that my office will never give up on holding a murderer accountable. It's been a long six years to get to this verdict, but we will always seek justice no matter how long it takes.

"My office has seen far too many cases involving gun violence, especially in the past few weeks," Descano said. "We need better gun laws to be able to keep our communities safe.

"I want to thank Senior Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Tyler Bezilla and Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Paul Vitale for their hard work on this case."

Nessibu, who remains in custody, has a formal sentencing hearing scheduled for Feb. 17, 2023.

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