

VIRGINIA:

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF FAIRFAX COUNTY

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA)	CRIMINAL NUMBER FE-2015-430
VERSUS)	
CHARLES STANARD SEVERANCE)	INDICTMENT – CAPITAL MURDER (Counts 1 & 5), USING A FIREARM IN THE COMMISSION OF A FELONY (Counts 2, 4, 6, and 8), MALICIOUS WOUNDING (Count 3), FIRST DEGREE MURDER (Count 7), and POSSESSION OF A FIREARM BY A CONVICTED FELON (Counts 9 and 10)

JURY TRIAL
DAY NINETEEN

On November 2, 2015, Bryan Porter, the Commonwealth's Attorney, David Lord, the Senior Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney, Marc Birnbaum and James Entas, the Assistant Attorneys General, CHARLES STANARD SEVERANCE, the Defendant, and Joseph King, Megan Thomas, and Christopher Leibig, Counsel for the Defendant, appeared before this Court. The Defendant is indicted for the felonies of CAPITAL MURDER (Counts 1 & 5), USING A FIREARM IN THE COMMISSION OF A FELONY (Counts 2, 4, 6, and 8), MALICIOUS WOUNDING (Count 3), FIRST DEGREE MURDER (Count 7), and POSSESSION OF A FIREARM BY A CONVICTED FELON (Counts 9 and 10) and he appeared while in custody.

The roll call was taken and the Jury resumed deliberations.

After some time, the Jury returned to Court and rendered the following verdict:

Count One – Capital Murder of Ruthanne Lodato

"We, the Jury, find the defendant, Charles Stanard Severance GUILTY of Capital Murder of Ruthanne Lodato as charged in the indictment.

2 November 2015
DATE

/s/ Timothy W. Weese
FOREPERSON

Count Two – Use of a Firearm in the Commission of the Murder of Ruthanne Lodato

We, the Jury, find the defendant, Charles Stanard Severance GUILTY of Use of a Firearm in the Commission of the Murder of Ruthanne Lodato as charged in the indictment.

2 November 2015
DATE

/s/ Timothy W. Weese
FOREPERSON

Count Three – Malicious Wounding of Dorcas Franko (also known as Janet Franco)

We, the Jury, find the defendant, Charles Stanard Severance GUILTY of Malicious Wounding of Dorcas Franko (also known as Janet Franko) as charged in the indictment.

2 November 2015
DATE

/s/ Timothy W. Weese
FOREPERSON

Count Four – Use of a Firearm in the Commission of the Malicious Wounding of Dorcas Franco (also known as Janet Franko)

We, the Jury, find the defendant, Charles Stanard Severance GUILTY of Use of a Firearm in the Commission of Malicious Wounding of Dorcas Franko (also known as Janet Franko) as charged in the indictment.

2 November 2015
DATE

/s/ Timothy W. Weese
FOREPERSON

Count Five – Capital Murder of Ronald Kirby

We, the Jury, find the defendant, Charles Stanard Severance GUILTY of Capital Murder of Ronald Kirby as charged in the indictment.

2 November 2015
DATE

/s/ Timothy W. Weese
FOREPERSON

Count Six – Use of a Firearm in the Commission of the Murder of Ronald Kirby

We, the Jury, find the defendant, Charles Stanard Severance GUILTY of Use of a Firearm in the Commission of the Murder of Ronald Kirby as charged in the indictment.

2 November 2015
DATE

/s/ Timothy W. Weese
FOREPERSON

Count Seven – First Degree Murder of Nancy Dunning

We, the Jury, find the defendant, Charles Stanard Severance GUILTY of First Degree Murder of Nancy Dunning as charged in the indictment.

2 November 2015
DATE

/s/ Timothy W. Weese
FOREPERSON

Count Eight – Use of a Firearm in the Commission of the Murder of Nancy Dunning

We, the Jury, find the defendant, Charles Stanard Severance GUILTY of Use of a Firearm in the Commission of the Murder of Nancy Dunning as charged in the indictment.

2 November 2015
DATE

/s/ Timothy W. Weese
FOREPERSON

Count Nine – Possession of a Firearm by a Felon (November 11, 2013)

We, the Jury, find the defendant, Charles Stanard Severance GUILTY of Possession of a Firearm by a Convicted Felon (November 11, 2013) as charged in the indictment.

2 November 2015
DATE

/s/ Timothy W. Weese
FOREPERSON

Count Ten – Possession of a Firearm by a Felon (February 6, 2014)

We, the Jury, find the defendant, Charles Stanard Severance GUILTY of Possession of a Firearm by a Convicted Felon (February 6, 2014) as charged in the indictment.

2 November 2015
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/s/ Timothy W. Weese
FOREPERSON”

The Jury was polled and each juror answered in the affirmative that this was his or her verdict.

The Jury was excluded and Counsel for the Defendant moved the Court to find that the Defendant could only be sentenced on one, but not both, of the capital murder convictions. The Court, without objection, ruled that the matter could be resolved at a later time prior to sentencing in this case. The Court hereby sets the following briefing schedule: Defendant’s opening brief shall be filed on or before November 20, 2015; Commonwealth’s response shall be filed on or before December 4, 2015; and Defendant’s reply shall be filed on or before December 11, 2015.

The Jury was recalled and heard evidence presented by the Commonwealth regarding the issue of punishment. Counsel for the Defendant stated they would present no evidence.

The Jury received the instructions of the Court regarding punishment, heard closing arguments of Counsel, and was sent to deliberate.

The Court resolved questions from the Jury and the Jury resumed deliberations.

After some time, the Jury returned to Court and rendered the following verdict:

Count One – Capital Murder of Ruthanne Lodato

"We, the Jury, having found the defendant, Charles Stanard Severance GUILTY of Capital Murder of Ruthanne Lodato, fix his punishment at:
Imprisonment for life and a fine of \$100,000.00.

2 November 2015
DATE

/s/ Timothy W. Weese
FOREPERSON

Count Two – Use of a Firearm in the Commission of the Murder of Ruthanne Lodato

We, the Jury, having found the defendant, Charles Stanard Severance GUILTY of Use of a Firearm in the Commission of the Murder of Ruthanne Lodato, fix his punishment at:

Imprisonment of (3) years.

2 November 2015

DATE

/s/ Timothy W. Weese

FOREPERSON

Count Three – Malicious Wounding of Dorcas Franko (also known as Janet Franco)

We, the Jury, having found the defendant, Charles Stanard Severance GUILTY of Malicious Wounding of Dorcas Franko (also known as Janet Franko), fix his punishment at:

Imprisonment for (20) years and a fine of \$100,000.00.

2 November 2015

DATE

/s/ Timothy W. Weese

FOREPERSON

Count Four – Use of a Firearm in the Commission of the Malicious Wounding of Dorcas Franko (also known as Janet Franko)

We, the Jury, having found the defendant, Charles Stanard Severance GUILTY of Use of a Firearm in the Commission of Malicious Wounding of Dorcas Franko (also known as Janet Franko), fix his punishment at:

Imprisonment for (5) years.

2 November 2015

DATE

/s/ Timothy W. Weese

FOREPERSON

Count Five – Capital Murder of Ronald Kirby

We, the Jury, having found the defendant, Charles Stanard Severance GUILTY of Capital Murder of Ronald Kirby, fix his punishment at:

Imprisonment for life and a fine of \$100,000.00.

2 November 2015

DATE

/s/ Timothy W. Weese

FOREPERSON

Count Six – Use of a Firearm in the Commission of the Murder of Ronald Kirby

We, the Jury, having found the defendant, Charles Stanard Severance GUILTY of Use of a Firearm in the Commission of the Murder of Ronald Kirby, fix his punishment at: Imprisonment for (5) years.

2 November 2015
DATE

/s/ Timothy W. Weese
FOREPERSON

Count Seven – First Degree Murder of Nancy Dunning

We, the Jury, having found the defendant, Charles Stanard Severance GUILTY of First Degree Murder of Nancy Dunning, fix his punishment at: Imprisonment for life and a fine of \$100,000.00.

2 November 2015
DATE

/s/ Timothy W. Weese
FOREPERSON

Count Eight – Use of a Firearm in the Commission of the Murder of Nancy Dunning

We, the Jury, having found the defendant, Charles Stanard Severance GUILTY of Use of a Firearm in the Commission of the Murder of Nancy Dunning, fix his punishment at: Imprisonment for (5) years.

2 November 2015
DATE

/s/ Timothy W. Weese
FOREPERSON

Count Nine – Possession of a Firearm by a Felon (November 11, 2013)

We, the Jury, having found the defendant, Charles Stanard Severance GUILTY of Possession of a Firearm by a Convicted Felon (November 11, 2013), fix his punishment at: Imprisonment for (5) years.

2 November 2015
DATE

/s/ Timothy W. Weese
FOREPERSON

Count Ten – Possession of a Firearm by a Felon (February 6, 2014)

We, the Jury, having found the defendant, Charles Stanard Severance GUILTY of Possession of a Firearm by a Convicted Felon (February 6, 2014), fix his punishment at: Imprisonment for (5) years.

2 November 2015
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/s/ Timothy W. Weese
FOREPERSON”

The Jury was discharged.

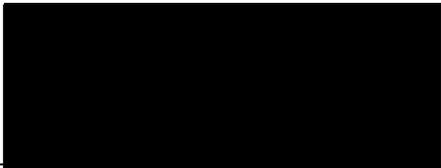
In accordance with the verdict rendered by the Jury, the Court finds the Defendant, CHARLES STANARD SEVERANCE, guilty of CAPITAL MURDER (Counts 1 & 5), USING A FIREARM IN THE COMMISSION OF A FELONY (Counts 2, 4, 6, and 8), MALICIOUS WOUNDING (Count 3), FIRST DEGREE MURDER (Count 7), and POSSESSION OF A FIREARM BY A CONVICTED FELON (Counts 9 and 10), as charged in the indictment.

The Court referred this case to the District Probation Officer for investigation and report before sentencing. This case was set on **January 22, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.** for sentencing.

The court clerk was instructed to notify the alternate jurors that the Jury had been discharged in this case.

The Defendant was remanded to the custody of the Sheriff.

Entered on November 5, 2015.



JUDGE RANDY I. BELLOWS