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**COMMONWEALTH'S ATTORNEY STEVE DESCANO ANNOUNCES
YOHANNES NESSIBU FOUND GUILTY IN SECOND TRIAL**

Fairfax County, VA — Commonwealth's Attorney Steve Descano announced today that a jury convicted Yohannes Nessibu, 28, of voluntary manslaughter for the 2016 killing of Henok Yohannes. The jury also found Nessibu guilty of an additional felony for using a firearm in commission of a felony.

Nessibu, an Alexandria resident, was previously convicted of first-degree murder in a separate August 2022 trial for the killing of Kedest Simeneh, which occurred during the same incident. Both victims were 22 at the time they were killed.

On the night of Dec 22, 2016, Nessibu and a few others, including Simeneh, went to buy marijuana from Henok Yohannes, a mutual acquaintance. Prosecutors showed during trial that after a dispute over payment, Nessibu shot the victim twice in the back of the head, killing him. He then fled the scene with the same group and shot Kedest Simeneh later that night, leaving her body at a Burke residence. The next morning, Nessibu flew to Ethiopia, where he remained until he was extradited in 2019.

"This is a tragic case where two young lives were taken from the community and their families," CA Descano said. "Nothing can bring the victims back, but I hope that today's guilty verdict can help the families begin to heal."

Descano added, "Because of the international extradition, this case has gone on for seven years. Our office has never wavered in our commitment to holding Nessibu accountable and seeking a just outcome for the community."

Nessibu will be sentenced on June 16 for all the convictions and faces up to life in prison for the first-degree murder charge.

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