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**STATEMENT OF FAIRFAX COMMONWEALTH'S ATTORNEY STEVE
DESCANO ON JURY VERDICT OF MEGAN HARGAN**

Fairfax County, VA – Fairfax County Commonwealth's Attorney Steve Descano issued the following statement on the conviction of Megan Hargan:

"Today, a jury of Fairfax County residents found Megan Hargan guilty for the July 14, 2017 shooting deaths of her mother, Pamela Hargan, and sister, Helen Hargan, in the family's McLean residence, where the three were living at the time.

Evidence submitted at trial showed Megan Hargan was angry because she thought her mother favored her sister Helen, and because Pamela did not make a \$400,000 wire transfer to purchase a home for Megan.

The scene was set up to look like a murder-suicide, and investigators initially thought that was what happened. As the investigation deepened, Megan Hargan became the primary suspect. She was arrested in November 2018 after being indicted by a grand jury.

We in Fairfax County have no tolerance for such disregard for human life and I am committed to addressing crimes of this magnitude with the seriousness they merit. Accordingly, I plan to seek a life sentence for Megan Hargan.

I want to thank Assistant Commonwealth's Attorneys Tyler Bezilla, Whitney Gregory and Kate Ballou for their exemplary prosecution of this case."

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