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**COMMONWEALTH'S ATTORNEY STEVE DESCANO ANNOUNCES  
HUY TIEN NGUYEN CONVICTED OF 2024 MURDER OF ALISON LAPORTA**

Fairfax County, VA — Commonwealth's Attorney Steve Descano announced today that Huy Tien "Max" Nguyen, 48, was convicted by a jury of second-degree murder for killing Alison "Kate" LaPorta, 38, on April 17, 2024; the defendant was also convicted on one count of use of a firearm in commission of a felony.

On the night of April 17<sup>th</sup>, Mr. Nguyen, of Lorton, drove Kate, his girlfriend of a year, to Mount Vernon Hospital because she had been shot in her upper body. She was then transported to Fairfax Hospital where she later died. Mr. Nguyen claimed that Kate had shot herself with his CZ 97 BD .45 caliber firearm. However, evidence presented at trial, including the trajectory of the bullet and a photo of the firearm's imprint on Kate's seatbelt, showed that Mr. Nguyen was the one who pulled the trigger while they were both seated in Kate's car.

"Kate should still be with us today," said CA Descano. "Max Nguyen's needless actions stole a daughter from her parents and a mother from her children. I'm relieved that his attempts to lie about what happened to Kate did not allow him to escape accountability. I hope that this conviction can bring some measure of closure to Kate's family."

Mr. Nguyen's sentencing date is February 13, 2026. He faces up to 40 years in prison for the second-degree murder charge, and 3 years for the firearm charge.

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