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**COMMONWEALTH'S ATTORNEY STEVE DESCANO ANNOUNCES
KYJUAN TROTT-MCLEAN SENTENCED TO 43 YEARS FOR 2022 KILLING**

Fairfax County, VA — Commonwealth's Attorney Steve Descano announced today that Kyjuan Trott-McLean, 45, was sentenced to 43 years for shooting and killing Brandon Wims, 31. Trott-McLean was convicted of second-degree murder and use of a firearm in commission of a felony by a jury on March 4, 2024. Today, he received a sentence of 40 years, with 10 years suspended, for the murder charge, and an additional 3 years for the firearm charge, for a total of 33 years of active incarceration.

In the early morning of October 2, 2022, Mr. Wims was riding in a car with his friend Sapphire Lawrence, along with her friend Kezia Leckey. The car was parked outside an Alexandria apartment building near the 5800 block of St. Gregory Lane when it was approached by Trott-McLean. Trott-McLean was married to Ms. Leckey, though they were separated at the time, and after a verbal argument, he stepped back and shot at the vehicle 9 times, even as it sped away. Mr. Wims, who was in the backseat, was struck four times, and Ms. Leckey was grazed. Ms. Lawrence drove to Mt. Vernon hospital, where Mr. Wims was pronounced dead a short while later.

Trott-McLean fled the scene and evaded law enforcement for two months. On December 1, 2022, the Fairfax County Police Department's Fugitive Unit apprehended Trott-McLean after a high-speed chase.

"Our community is devastated by the loss of Brandon Wims, who was only in the wrong place at the wrong time when he was shot and killed by a total stranger," said CA Descano. "The pain felt by Brandon's family has been exacerbated by the defendant's actions throughout this case, beginning when he evaded police for two months. Nothing can bring Brandon back to his family, but today, I hope, after two years of waiting, that Brandon's loved ones can finally have closure and begin to heal from this tragedy."

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