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**COMMONWEALTH'S ATTORNEY STEVE DESCANO ANNOUNCES  
USMAN SHAHID SENTENCED TO 4 YEARS FOR OAKTON HIGH SCHOOL CRASH**

Fairfax County, VA — Commonwealth's Attorney Steve Descano announced today that Usman Shahid, 20, was sentenced to 4 years for killing Ada Gabriela Martinez Nolasco, 14, and Leeyan Hanjia Yan, 15, in a June 2022 car crash outside of Oakton High School. Shahid was convicted by a jury on two counts of involuntary manslaughter on April 26, 2024. At that time, the jury gave him a maximum sentence of 4 years of active incarceration, which was affirmed by a judge today. The judge, while not allowed by law to impose an active incarceration time higher than the jury recommended, added an additional 3 years of post-release supervision.

Shortly before noon on June 7, 2022, Shahid was travelling south on Blake Lane at speeds significantly above the 35-mph speed limit when he collided with an SUV that was attempting to make a left turn onto Five Oaks Road. Shahid's vehicle then careened onto the sidewalk, striking and killing the two Oakton High School students and injuring a third as the girls walked home from school.

At trial, prosecutors proved that Shahid's high rate of speed and lack of evasive action to avoid the situation were responsible for both the initial crash and the subsequent pedestrian collision. A crash expert also testified that the vehicle Shahid was driving contained a data recorder indicating that Shahid continued to accelerate, from 60 mph to 81 mph, in the five seconds immediately preceding the crash as he approached the intersection. The data recorder also indicated that Shahid did not attempt to apply the brakes.

"This case has been on my mind, day and night, for more than two years," CA Descano said. "While there is nothing that can heal the broken hearts of Ada and Leeyan's families, friends, and loved ones, I hope that this outcome can help our community finally begin to close what has been an incredibly painful chapter."

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