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Prince William County, VA

Prince William County Commonwealth's Attorney Amy Ashworth announces the successful prosecution of Anthony Perkins arising from the May 2022 murders of two Woodbridge men. On June 14, 2024, a Prince William County jury found Mr. Perkins guilty of two counts of first-degree murder, conspiracy to commit murder, and gang participation involving a juvenile. On June 17, 2024, the same Prince William County jury recommended a sentence of 70 years in prison. Mr. Perkins will be sentenced by Judge Angela Horan on October 3, 2024. The case was prosecuted by Chief Deputy Commonwealth's Attorney Kristina Robinson and Deputy Commonwealth's Attorney Donald Goodman.

**Commonwealth of Virginia v. Anthony Perkins**

On May 15, 2022, Mr. Malik Davis and Mr. Christian Roberts were found dead in Mr. Davis' Woodbridge apartment, both having been shot. An investigation revealed that Mr. Davis and Mr. Roberts were killed by two juveniles who had been interested in joining the criminal street gang for some time. Mr. Perkins, who was already a member of the gang, informed the two juveniles they would need to perform some criminal act to prove their loyalty before they would be permitted entry. The two juveniles then attended a party held by one of the victims and during this party, Mr. Perkins asked the juveniles if the victim was a member of another criminal street gang and a traditional enemy of his gang. After one of the juveniles confirmed that the victim identified himself as a member of the rival gang, Perkins told the two juveniles that killing the victim would be their "work" to get into the gang. The juveniles decided to shoot at the second victim because they believed he had a firearm on his person and would shoot back at them. The two juveniles then followed through on their plan to kill both individuals.

Commonwealth's Attorney Amy Ashworth offered the following comment:

“Mr. Perkins is an adult who used his influence as a gang member to direct the murder of an individual at the hands of two juveniles. This ultimately ended with the senseless deaths of two young men. So many lives have been affected by this criminal behavior. I am proud of our team of prosecutors, investigators and police officers who worked so well together to hold Perkins criminally responsible for his actions. Gang violence will not be tolerated in our community”.

The Office of the Commonwealth's Attorney would like to recognize Sara Vutiprichar, Deputy Director of the Commonwealth's Attorney's Victim/Witness Program, for the vital assistance she provided the victim and her family. We also want to recognize the hard work of the Prince County Police Department detectives and officers who worked on this case, specifically Detectives Matthew Andersen and Darian Cupka.

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Amy Ashworth is the elected Commonwealth's Attorney for Prince William County and the Cities of Manassas and Manassas Park. She was elected in November 2019 and was re-elected in 2023 for a second four-year term. The Commonwealth Attorney's Office can be reached from 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. every business day by phone at 703-792-6050 or email at [cwoffice@pwcgov.org](mailto:cwoffice@pwcgov.org).