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Prince William County, VA

Prince William County Commonwealth's Attorney Amy Ashworth announces the successful prosecution of Sean Hughes arising from the April 19, 2023, shooting which occurred in Triangle. On February 2, 2024, a Prince William County jury found Mr. Hughes guilty of shooting into an occupied dwelling, shooting from a vehicle, attempted malicious wounding, use of a firearm in the commission of a felony, gang participation, gang recruitment, and use of a machine gun for an aggressive purpose. The matter was prosecuted by Senior Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Kathleen Bilton and Deputy Chief of Staff Kevin Leahy.

**Commonwealth of Virginia v. Sean Hughes**

On April 19, 2023, Sean Hughes and a juvenile co-defendant opened fire at a residence in Triangle, VA. A woman inside the residence was struck multiple times. Detective S. Davis and another bystander were almost struck as they stood in front of the residence. Mr. Hughes and the juvenile fled the scene and were eventually apprehended in Maryland, where they were found in possession of one of the firearms used in the shooting. Mr. Hughes is a member of the criminal street gang commonly known as the Bloods. Mr. Hughes will be sentenced by a Prince William County Circuit Court Judge on May 23, 2024.

The Office of the Commonwealth's Attorney would like to recognize Tammie Thomas, Director of the Commonwealth's Attorney's Victim/Witness Program, for the vital assistance she provided the victims and their families. We also want to recognize the hard work of the Prince County Police Department, especially Master Detective D. Cupka, Detective J. Dalbeck, and Detective D. Sekely.

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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).