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**COMMONWEALTH'S ATTORNEY STEVE DESCANO ANNOUNCES KYJUAN TROTT-MCLEAN,
WHO EVADED POLICE FOR 60 DAYS, CONVICTED IN 2022 MURDER CASE**

Fairfax County, VA — Commonwealth's Attorney Steve Descano announced that yesterday, a jury convicted Kyjuan Trott-McLean, 44, of second-degree murder for the 2022 killing of Brandon Wims, 31, of Rockville, MD. The jury also found Trott-McLean guilty of use of a firearm in commission of a felony.

On the morning of October 2, 2022, Trott-McLean shot and killed Brandon Wims outside of an Alexandria apartment building near the 5800 block of St. Gregory Lane. Trott-McLean's wife, Kezia Leckey, was an acquaintance of Wims, and the two met up that night, along with another friend of Leckey's, Sapphire Lawrence. The three were sitting in Lawrence's car talking at the time of the shooting.

At trial, prosecutors proved that the shooting stemmed from a dispute between Trott-McLean and Leckey. As Trott-McLean stood next to the vehicle and argued with Leckey, he stepped back from the vehicle, produced a 9mm firearm, and fired, striking Wims three times and grazing Leckey. He continued to fire as Lawrence, in the driver's seat, sped off. Lawrence transported Brandon Wims to Mt. Vernon Hospital, where he died a short while later. Trott-McLean fled the scene and evaded law enforcement for two months. On December 1, 2022, members of the Fairfax County Police Department's Fugitive Unit apprehended Trott-McLean after a high-speed chase.

"The extremely random nature of this crime is truly heartbreaking," CA Descano said. "While one never fully heals from the loss of a loved one, especially in such an unexpected act of violence, I hope that this conviction can help provide solace to Mr. Wims' family and the rest of our community."

Trott-McLean faces up to 43 years for these charges and will be sentenced on May 3, 2024.

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