

**April 19, 2016**  
**For Immediate Release**  
**Portsmouth, Virginia**

A Portsmouth jury convicted Quintin Lee Hardy, Jr., a 35-year-old man, of voluntary manslaughter on April 18, 2016 for killing Toneio Burden.

On May 2, 2015 at approximately 3:30 PM, Toneio Burden saw Hardy sitting in a vehicle parked at the 7-Eleven store at 700 Mount Vernon Avenue. Burden and Hardy knew each other, as Burden was the uncle of Hardy's sister. Burden approached the vehicle Hardy was in, and questioned him about an \$80.00 debt. Hardy made a call asking his girlfriend to bring \$80.00 to the 7-Eleven store. Burden went into the store, only to come out and see the vehicle Hardy was in turning out of the parking lot onto Hartford Street. Burden got into his vehicle, and followed the vehicle down to Vermont Avenue.

At the intersection of Vermont Avenue and Commerce Street, Burden cut off the vehicle that Hardy was in preventing the vehicle from leaving. Burden got out of his vehicle, and walked to the back of his vehicle. Hardy got out of the vehicle he was in, and walked up to Burden asking him, "what are you doing?" Burden turned around only to see Hardy with a gun. Burden immediately began running away from Hardy down Vermont Avenue. Hardy followed Burden shooting at him repeatedly until he emptied the gun. Burden suffered four gunshot wounds. Burden was pronounced dead at the scene.

Hardy was convicted of voluntary manslaughter. The jury recommended he serve 10 years in prison. A judge will formally sentence him on July 12, 2016. This matter was prosecuted by Chief Deputy Commonwealth's Attorney Cedric Wiggins and Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Stephanie Peebles.

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