



Office of the Prosecuting Attorney

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

MARTINSBURG, WV – Berkeley County Prosecuting Attorney Catie Wilkes Delligatti announces today that a Berkeley County jury has found Nasstasha Shasha Powell (Van Camp), 29, of Martinsburg, WV, guilty of Second Degree Murder for the June, 2014 shooting death of 22 year old Taylor Hawkridge, also of Martinsburg. Powell faces a penalty of incarceration for not less than ten (10) years nor more than forty (40) years. A Sentencing hearing has been scheduled for January 8th, 2018. The three day trial was held before the Honorable Judge Gray Silver, III, of the 23rd Judicial Circuit.

Powell is also facing three counts of Felony Conspiracy charges related to the smuggling of contraband into the Eastern Regional Jail during January of 2017. This matter is currently pending in the Magistrate Court of Berkeley County.

This matter was investigated by members of the West Virginia State Police and the Eastern Panhandle Drug & Violent Crime Task Force. This case was prosecuted by Berkeley County Assistant Prosecuting Attorneys Hassan Rasheed and Joseph Kinser.