



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 found Asaveon K. Coleman, 19, of Alexandria, Virginia, guilty of Kidnapping, First Degree Robbery, Attempted First Degree Murder, Malicious Assault, Assault During Commission of a Felony, and Attempted Petit Larceny. Kidnapping is punishable by life in prison. First Degree Robbery is punishable by no less than ten years in prison. The remaining felony charges are punishable by a total of seven to thirty-five years in prison. The two-day trial was held before the Honorable Judge Bridget Cohee of the 23rd Judicial Circuit.

This matter was investigated by Senior Trooper G. W. Merkich, III with assistant from the Eastern Panhandle Drug & Violent Crime Task Force and the Fairfax County, Virginia Police Department. This case was prosecuted by Berkeley County Prosecuting Attorney Catie Wilkes Delligatti and Assistant Prosecuting Attorney John Lehman. Ms. Delligatti thanks the jury for their thorough consideration of the evidence and for returning a verdict that brings some measure of justice to the victim and his family. Ms. Delligatti also thanks law enforcement and her co-counsel for a dedicated investigation and presentation of the case.