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### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

MARTINSBURG, WV – Berkeley County Prosecuting Attorney Catie Wilkes Delligatti announces that on Friday, September 4, 2020, Jomo Kenyatta Morris, 31, of Martinsburg, West Virginia, was found guilty by a Berkeley County jury of Fleeing on Foot, Possession with Intent to Deliver Fentanyl, Possession with Intent to Deliver Cocaine, and Possession of Marijuana. Mr. Morris was acquitted of Assault on a Law Enforcement Officer and Felony Escape.

Upon the conclusion of the three-day trial, the jury deliberated for approximately two hours before returning the verdicts at 2:45 p.m. The State of West Virginia was represented by Berkeley County Assistant Prosecuting Attorneys Raymond Boyce and Christopher Barnhart. Defense attorney B. Craig Manford, Esq. represented Morris. The Honorable Laura V. Faircloth presided over the proceeding.

Following the jury's verdict, Morris was remanded to the custody of the Eastern Regional Jail to await sentencing. Morris now faces a potential enhanced sentence of 7.5–50 years in prison and \$26,500 in fines. A sentencing hearing will be held before Judge Faircloth on November 10, 2020, at 10:30 a.m.

Ms. Delligatti wishes to thank Mr. Boyce and Mr. Barnhart for their roles in prosecuting this matter for the State. Ms. Delligatti additionally wishes to thank the West Virginia State Police, specifically Trooper D.A. Gough and Trooper D.M. Simerly, for their demonstrated dedication to both protecting the community and conducting drug interdiction in Berkeley County. Ms. Delligatti also extends her gratitude to the jury for considering the evidence and providing a just verdict.