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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

MARTINSBURG, W. Va. – Berkeley County Prosecuting Attorney Catie Wilkes Delligatti announces that today a Berkeley County jury found BROOKLYN ZAVION JOHNSON, 16, of Washington, D.C., guilty of the felony offenses of Murder, Conspiracy to Commit Murder, and Use of a Firearm During the Commission of a Felony arising from the shooting death of Thomas P. Dove, Jr. that occurred on August 23, 2019. Johnson now faces life in prison but will be eligible to petition for parole after fifteen years as he is a juvenile.

Upon the return of the jury's verdicts, the Defendant was remanded to the custody of the Bureau of Juvenile Services to await sentencing. A sentencing hearing is scheduled for June 15, 2021, at 11:00 a.m. The three-day trial was held before the Honorable Judge Laura V. Faircloth of the 23rd Judicial Circuit.

This matter was investigated by the Berkeley County Sheriff's Department and prosecuted by Prosecuting Attorney Catie Wilkes Delligatti and Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Raymond E. Boyce, Jr. Ms. Delligatti would like to specifically thank Detective Steerman, Captain Hall, and Deputy Merson for their investigation in this case and their service to the community generally. Ms. Delligatti would also like to thank the jury for carefully weighing the evidence and providing a verdict that achieves justice for the Dove family and the community.