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JURY CONVICTS TWO DEFENDANTS FOR 2023 NORTH CHARLESTON HOMICIDE

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Charleston, S.C.— Solicitor Scarlett A. Wilson announced that a Charleston County jury found Qutairus Capers-Mitchell and Ti'Zaveis Grampus guilty of the June 4, 2023, murder of Emmanuel Johnson. Capers-Mitchell was also found guilty of possession of a weapon during the commission of a violent crime. The jury returned its verdict Friday afternoon after four days of trial. The Honorable Roger Young sentenced Capers-Mitchell to 45 years in prison. The Court deferred Grampus' sentence until a pre-sentence report could be completed. A third Defendant, Bernard Brown, pleaded guilty to murder and possession of a weapon during the commission of a violent crime on the first day of trial. Judge Young sentenced Brown to 30 years in prison. Solicitor Wilson stated, "Working together with law enforcement can bring strong results for the community. The jury clearly kept a keen eye on the evidence, and we are grateful for their endurance last week."

Special Counsel Stephanie Linder and Assistant Solicitor Ashley Errett prosecuted this case for the Ninth Circuit Solicitor's Office. Solicitor's Investigator Dustin Morris assisted with the prosecution.

Testimony at trial revealed that just before 5:00 p.m., on June 4, 2023, the Defendants canvased the North Charleston area before ambushing the victim. They backed down a road to lie in wait before firing numerous times at the victim who was standing outside of an apartment building. Defendant Capers-Mitchell posted images of himself and Defendant Brown on Snapchat a mere 18 minutes after executing the victim. They posed flashing their guns which were later recovered by law enforcement. Those guns were found to have matched spent shell casings from the scene. Defendant Grampus was captured on surveillance footage before and after the homicide. Investigators matched his fingerprints to multiple items found in the getaway vehicle. The jury heard testimony from multiple witnesses who detailed the investigation conducted by multiple law enforcement agencies, highlighting the collaborative effort that led to a successful result.

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