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Prince William County Commonwealth's Attorney Amy Ashworth announces the successful prosecution of Ta'Equan Hill, 29, arising from a November 2024 **domestic violence** incident. On October 23, 2025, Mr. Hill entered a plea of guilty to three charges: strangulation, domestic assault and battery, and damaging a telephone to prevent summoning law enforcement. Judge Carroll A. Weimer, Jr. sentenced Mr. Hill to the maximum possible sentence of seven (7) years of incarceration followed by three (3) years of post-incarceration supervision. The matter was prosecuted by Senior Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Christian Malott.

Prince William County Commonwealth's Attorney Amy Ashworth also announces the successful prosecution of Zachary Agee, 30, arising from two **domestic violence** incidents on separate dates in April of 2021, and threats in writing that spanned a course of months in 2020 and 2021. On July 3, 2025, Mr. Agee entered a plea of guilty to four charges: two counts of malicious wounding, strangulation, and threats in writing. Judge James A. Willett sentenced Mr. Agee to ten (10) active years of incarceration, followed by five (5) years of post-incarceration supervision – a sentence above the discretionary sentencing guidelines. The matter was prosecuted by Deputy Commonwealth's Attorney Marcia Payne.

Commonwealth v. Ta'Equan Hill

On November 6, 2024, Prince William County Police encountered an upset woman in the parking lot of Dick's Sporting Goods in Manassas. Upon questioning, the woman stated she had been assaulted by her boyfriend, Ta'Equan Hill. Mr. Hill and the victim engaged in a verbal argument at his cousin's house. When the victim attempted to leave, Mr. Hill, who was drunk and agitated, pushed her and ripped her clothes. When the victim attempted to contact police, Mr. Hill took her phone and strangled her with such force that she was unable to breathe. Mr. Hill's cousin entered the room and stopped the attack. When the victim was able to get away from Mr. Hill, he followed her in a vehicle.

Commonwealth v. Zachary C. Agee

On May 2, 2021, officers from the Prince William County Police Department responded to a residence in the county for a report of past domestic abuse. The woman reported that on April 14th and April 27th, 2021, she was repeatedly assaulted by Zachary Agee, her boyfriend and the father of her three minor children. During one of the violent assaults, Mr. Agee strangled the victim until she loss consciousness. Officers observed extensive bruising where the victim reported being punched and kicked by Mr. Agee. Further investigation revealed that Mr. Agee memorialized his violence in writing by sending the victim hundreds of text messages threatening her life and describing the harm that he was about to inflict in horrific detail. Mr. Agee was apprehended in Bedford County in April of this year after more than two years of outstanding arrest warrants for these offenses.

Commonwealth's Attorney Amy Ashworth offered the following comment:

"Mr. Hill has previously been convicted of acts of domestic violence stemming from an incident that occurred in 2019 involving a different female victim. Mr. Agee subjected his victim to years of threats and physical harm until she finally had the courage to report to what was happening to law enforcement. Domestic violence is one of the leading causes of homicide across the nation. A recent study has shown that victims of strangulation are more than 750 times more likely to become victims of either attempted or completed homicides. My office takes domestic violence cases very seriously and will vigorously pursue justice for victims."

The Office of the Commonwealth's Attorney would like to recognize Victim Witness Case Manager Giné Ryan for the assistance and support she provided the victims. We also want to recognize the hard work of the officers from the Prince William County Police Department who worked on these cases, specifically Officer Kacie Tolson, Officer Zachary Smith, and former Officer James K. Murray.

October is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Domestic violence often starts with verbal abuse, controlling behavior, and threats. These actions may escalate to physical or sexual violence, stalking or psychological abuse. Perpetrators of abuse could be by a parent, sibling, spouse, or partner. For more information, please visit the National Resource Center on Domestic Violence at <https://www.nrcdv.org/>.

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Amy Ashworth is the elected Commonwealth's Attorney for Prince William County and the Cities of Manassas and Manassas Park. She was elected in November 2019 and was re-elected in 2023 for a second four-year term. The Commonwealth Attorney's Office can be reached from 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. every business day by phone at 703-792-6050 or email at cwoffice@pwcgov.org.