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In the Supreme Court of Virginia held at the Supreme Court Building in the City of Richmond on Thursday the 1st day of July, 2021.

Present: All the Justices

Endalkachew Merid, Appellant,

against Record No. 200799

Court of Appeals No. 1145-19-4

Commonwealth of Virginia,

Appellee.

Upon an appeal from a judgment rendered by the Court of Appeals of Virginia.

In this case, we awarded Endalkachew Merid an appeal from the judgment of the Court of Appeals, which affirmed his convictions for first degree murder and abduction by force. *See Merid v. Commonwealth*, 72 Va. App. 104, 119 (2020).

We have considered the record, briefs, and arguments of counsel, and for the reasons stated in the opinion of the Court of Appeals, we will affirm the judgment.*

This order shall be published in the Virginia Reports and certified to the Court of Appeals of Virginia and the Circuit Court of the City of Alexandria.

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Douglas B. Robelen, Clerk

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^{*} The Supreme Court of the United States decided *Caniglia v. Strom*, 593 U.S. ____, 141 S. Ct. 1596 (2021), after the Court heard oral argument in this case. The Court finds that the judgment of the Court of Appeals is consistent with *Caniglia*.