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Clemson Man Sentenced on Burglary, Armed Robbery, Conspiracy, and Weapons Charge

Thirteenth Circuit Solicitor Walt Wilkins states that Larold Lee Morris, age 25, was convicted of burglary in the first degree, armed robbery, conspiracy, and possession of a weapon with an obliterated serial number on March 20th, 2013 by a Pickens County jury. The Honorable Edward W. Miller sentenced the Defendant to twenty-five years of incarceration. The Defendant will have to serve at least eighty-five percent of his sentence before he is eligible for parole.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant Solicitors Sam Tooker and Baker Cleveland who presented evidence at trial that just after 10:00 pm on February 3rd, 2011, the Defendant and another individual unlawfully entered a student's apartment in Central, SC, held that student at gunpoint, and stole a variety of items from within the residence. During the course of the robbery, the Victim overheard one of the perpetrators call the other perpetrator by the Defendant's nickname. The evidence also showed that the Defendant and two other individuals, while armed with two handguns, returned to the scene of the original crime on the evening of March 8th, 2011. Police stopped the Defendant's vehicle just after it pulled out of the apartment complex and found the two firearms, three ski masks, and a box of vinyl gloves.

Further, testimony showed that the Defendant sent a text message to one of his companions before the second incident indicating that he wanted to rob one of the apartment's residents. Finally, one of the stolen items, an X-box, was later discovered when police executed a search warrant on the Defendant's home.