

# State of South Carolina Solicitor, Thirteenth Judicial Circuit

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## **PRESS RELEASE** **For Immediate Release**

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### **Greenville Man Convicted and Sentenced on Assault and Battery by Mob, 3rd Degree**

Thirteenth Circuit Solicitor Walt Wilkins states that MICHAEL D'VONTE SLOAN, age 20, was convicted on September 17, 2013 by a Greenville County jury of Assault & Battery By Mob, 3rd Degree with bodily injury, and sentenced to 1 Year in prison suspended to 3 Years Probation to include 500 hours of community service, drug treatment and random drug testing and a 7:00 p.m. to 7 a.m. curfew by the Honorable Edward Welmaker.

Evidence presented at the trial by Assistant Solicitor Jeff Weston established that on July 4, 2011, MICHAEL D'VONTE SLOAN was a part of a large group of young men who were engaging in an ongoing fireworks "war" at the Westview Homes apartments in Greenville during the afternoon and evening hours of July 4<sup>th</sup> 2011. City police officers had responded to calls by residents on two previous occasions that afternoon and during the response to a third call, around 10:30 p.m., a city police officer was able to identify and arrest a sixteen (16) year old juvenile who had fired a mortar-style firework at the officer's car. As the officer was arresting the juvenile, Sloan and several others assaulted the officer by firing more mortar fireworks at him and his young prisoner. One of the mortar fireworks struck the officer in the chest and exploded within arm's reach causing the officer to suffer temporary hearing impairment in his left ear.