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Greenville Man Sentenced for 2013 Falls Park Robbery

Thirteenth Circuit Solicitor Walt Wilkins states that FREDERICK LAMONTA DYQUISE IRBY, age 20, pled guilty on March 14, 2016 to one count of Strong Arm Robbery and was sentenced to a fifteen (15) year active prison sentence in the South Carolina Department of Corrections by the Honorable Judge Robin Stilwell.

Evidence presented at the plea hearing by Assistant Solicitor William McMaster established that at approximately 10:30 p.m. on August 1, 2013, FREDERICK LAMONTA DYQUISE IRBY and several co-defendants did plan to conduct a robbery on a section of the Swamp Rabbit Trail in Falls Park. The State summarized that as the victim, 19 year old Gideon Hackett, was riding his bike in the park, Defendant FREDERICK LAMONTA DYQUISE IRBY did strike the victim in the face with his fist causing him to fall off of his bike and injure his right eye. While the victim was on the ground, the co-defendants began to kick the victim and one co-defendant produced a fake but realistic-looking handgun and pointed it at the victim. The victim's bike, backpack and other belongings were taken by the Defendant and other co-defendants. The group then fled the scene, divided the belongings of the victim, and disposed of the evidence. One cooperating co-defendant has pled guilty and is awaiting sentencing, and the cases against four other co-defendants remain pending.

The case was investigated by Detective Tim Conroy of the Greenville Police Department and prosecuted by Assistant Solicitor William McMaster and Deputy Solicitor Andrew Culbreath.

