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Codefendants sentenced in the Dollar General Shooting

Thirteenth Circuit Solicitor Walt Wilkins states that Dewayne A. Gregory, Jr., age 24, Derek M. Duncan, age 23, and Avery J. Thomas, age 22, all pled guilty on December 15, 2011 to Attempted Armed Robbery and Conspiracy. Taking into account the varying levels of cooperation with the State by each Defendant, the Honorable Edward W. Miller sentenced Gregory to 9 years on the attempted robbery followed by a consecutive 5 years on the conspiracy. Duncan received 7 years on the attempted robbery followed by a consecutive 5 years on the conspiracy. Thomas received 6 years on the attempted robbery followed by a consecutive 5 years on the conspiracy. All of the conspiracy sentences were suspended to 5 years of probation to be served once each defendant is released from SCDC. The fourth defendant, Tremain O. Davis, pled guilty on November 8, 2011 to Murder and Armed Robbery and was sentenced to LIFE in the South Carolina Department of Corrections by the Honorable G. Edward Welmaker.

Evidence presented at the plea hearing established that on April 27, 2010, TREMAIN ORLANDO DAVIS, while armed with a loaded .357 Magnum revolver, entered the Dollar General Store at 5922 Augusta Rd with the intent to rob the store. During the robbery the victim, whose mother was in line waiting to check out, rushed inside in an effort to stop the robbery and protect his mother. Davis turned and shot the victim once in the neck and then fled the store. Each of the co-defendants helped facilitate the robbery to some degree. Gregory provided the weapon, Duncan provided the vehicle and Thomas served as a lookout.

The case fell under the jurisdiction of the Greenville County Sheriff's Office. Investigator Antonio Bailey was the lead investigator in the case.