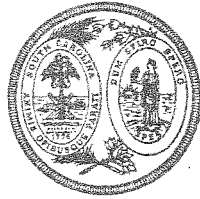


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Greenville Man Found Guilty of Armed Robbery, Kidnapping and Rape

Thirteenth Circuit Solicitor Walt Wilkins' office stated today that ANTWAN DOMINIQUE GRAYSON, age 21, was found guilty by a Greenville County jury on March 30, 2011 of Criminal Sexual Conduct - First Degree, Armed Robbery, Kidnapping and Possession of Weapon During the Commission of a Violent Crime and was sentenced by Judge Robin Stilwell to serve 30 years in prison. ANTWAN DOMINIQUE GRAYSON's 30 year sentence is to be served consecutive to the 14 year probation violation sentence he was currently serving at the time of the trial. ANTWAN DOMINIQUE GRAYSON will have to serve at least 85 % of the 30 year sentence before he becomes eligible for parole.

Evidence presented at trial established that on March 16, 2009, ANTWAN DOMINIQUE GRAYSON did approach a woman shortly after she exited her car and was walking to her apartment building in Greenville. Grayson was wearing a sweatshirt-style "hoody" with a blue bandana covering part of his face, and put a gun in the woman's mouth, demanding money. He then forced her at gunpoint back into her own car and demanded she drive him to an ATM to withdraw money from her bank account. After taking the woman's money, he forced her to drive back to a secluded area of her apartment complex where he raped her. He then took her cell phone and fled the scene.

Investigator Mike Fortner with the Greenville County Sheriff's Office was the lead investigator on this case. Investigation revealed ATM video footage, cell phone records of the victim that linked the phone to Grayson's brother, DNA evidence matching Grayson obtained from the sexual assault collection kit performed on the victim immediately after the rape, and statements from a witness to the incident.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant Solicitor Kris B. Hodge