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GREENVILLE MAN SENTENCED TO 19 YEARS

Thirteenth Circuit Solicitor Walt Wilkins' office reports that Illya Salter pled guilty to Armed Robbery, Carjacking, and Failure to Stop for Blue Light prior to trial on Monday, January 31, 2011. The Honorable Judge G. Edward Welmaker sentenced the defendant to 19 years and 2 months in the South Carolina Department of Corrections. The defendant was approached by a loss prevention officer at the Wal-mart on White Horse Road after he stole four pairs of jeans. As the loss prevention officer attempted to stop Mr. Salter, Mr. Salter brandished a pair of scissors and swung them at the loss prevention officer's head. Mr. Salter then forced a man out of his car and took the car. Deputies with the Greenville County Sheriff's Office pursued Mr. Salter for approximately three miles. The chase terminated when Mr. Salter lost control of the stolen automobile and hit a tree.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant Solicitor Jon Gregory.