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Greenville Men Sentenced on Voluntary Manslaughter Charges

Thirteenth Circuit Solicitor Walt Wilkins states that Garcia Wilson, age 34, and Michael Hockaday age 38, were sentenced today on charges of Voluntary Manslaughter and Armed Robbery. Each received sentences of 10 years in the South Carolina Department of Corrections by the Honorable C. Victor Pyle. They will have to serve at least 85% of their sentences before becoming eligible for parole

Evidence presented by Assistant Solicitor Mark Moyer established that on the morning of August 30, 2004, Curtis Harmon, age 21, was found dead in his vehicle which was crashed headfirst into a tree on Thrift Street in Greenville County. The investigation led to the arrest of Michael Hockaday and Garcia Wilson on July 20, 2010. Michael Hockaday pled guilty to the charges on November 19, 2013, and agreed to cooperate in the trial of Garcia Wilson. Garcia Wilson's trial began on December 2, 2013. Garcia Wilson pled guilty on the morning of December 3, 2013, before the trial resumed. Evidence established that on the evening of August 29, 2013, Garcia Wilson and Michael Hockaday conspired to rob Curtis Harmon of marijuana. They arranged for Mr. Harmon to meet them at the Spinx gas station on Pleasantburg Drive near Cherrydale Shopping Center with an ounce of high quality marijuana, worth about \$300. When Garcia Wilson and Michael Hockaday met Mr. Harmon at the pre-arranged spot, they told him to follow them to Thrift Street. When they arrived at Thrift Street, Garcia Wilson approached Mr. Harmon with a pistol and attempted to steal Mr. Harmon's marijuana. Mr. Harmon resisted and began struggling with Garcia Wilson, resulting in Garcia Wilson shooting Mr.

Harmon in the neck. After being shot, Mr. Harmon drove his car approximately a quarter mile up Thrift Street until he struck a tree.