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Gang Leader Sentenced on Assault of ATF Agent

Thirteenth Circuit Solicitor Walt Wilkins' office stated today that KENDRICK DARNELL LITTLEJOHN, age 23, after a trial spanning two days, was convicted on April 26, 2011 of Assault and Battery with Intent to Kill and Lynching in the Second Degree, a violation of South Carolina Code § 16-03-620 and § 16-03-230, respectively. LITTLEJOHN was sentenced by the Honorable Ned Miller to a term of 14 years in the South Carolina Department of Corrections followed by 5 years of probation. KENDRICK DARNELL LITTLEJOHN will have to serve at least 85 % of the 14 year sentence before he becomes eligible for parole.

Evidence presented at trial established that on April 23, 2009, KENDRICK DARNELL LITTLEJOHN negotiated a weapons sale with agents of the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms & Explosives (ATF) who were acting in an undercover capacity. LITTLEJOHN offered to sell the undercover agent an assault rifle and a handgun. The deal turned sour when LITTLEJOHN and a group of between five and seven men attacked the undercover agent just before dusk in the Dixie Estates neighborhood. The agent suffered a complex concussion and sustained memory loss of the attack. With assistance from the Greenville County Sheriff's Office, agents identified LITTLEJOHN as the leader of the attack, having orchestrated the weapons sale and led the group of men to pursue attacking the undercover agent. LITTLEJOHN is known to investigators to be an active member of the Bloods street

gang, and investigators believe that the attack of the undercover agent was directly related to LITTLEJOHN'S connection to the Bloods.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant Solicitor Katryna Bevis Salisbury.