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**PRESS RELEASE**  
**For Immediate Release**

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**Greenville Man Sentenced for Criminal Domestic Violence; 3<sup>rd</sup> Offense or Greater**

Thirteenth Circuit Solicitor Walt Wilkins office stated today that KAYONNE L. MONTGOMERY, 34, was convicted at trial on June 13, 2011, for the charge of criminal domestic violence 3<sup>rd</sup> or greater offense, and was sentenced by Judge G. Edward Welmaker to 5 years, suspended on the service of 25 months, followed by 45 months probation.

Evidence presented at the trial established that on January 28, 2010, KEYONNE L. MONTGOMERY struck his girlfriend in the face with a closed fist, causing severe swelling and requiring the victim go to the hospital for treatment. This was Kayonne Montgomery's 7<sup>th</sup> conviction for domestic violence.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant Solicitor Mark Moyer who stated that he prosecuted the case despite opposition from the victim because of this defendant's lengthy criminal record and his history of domestic abuse. A guilty verdict resulted despite the fact that the victim was a hostile witness and did not wish to pursue the charges. Deputy Terrance Bowers conducted an excellent investigation by taking statements from the victim and a witness, summoning a forensics officer to take photographs of the injuries, and preparing a thorough and detailed police report, thus resulting in the conviction of the defendant.