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Greenville Man Sentenced on Strong Arm Robbery

Thirteenth Circuit Solicitor Walt Wilkins states that SERGIO DONTÉ LATIMER, age 24, pled guilty on April 8, 2014 to Strong Arm Robbery and was sentenced to five years in the South Carolina Department of Corrections by the Honorable Judge Edward Miller.

Evidence presented at the plea hearing by Assistant Solicitor Julie Anders established that on September 9, 2013 at 6:55 a.m., SERGIO DONTÉ LATIMER robbed a teacher as she was arriving for work at Sterling School in Greenville County. As she walked up the backdoor, Latimer ran toward her and grabbed her arm. He made a fist and told her twice, “give me your purse, or I will kill you.” The teacher gave Mr. Latimer her wallet and he fled. The incident was recorded by surveillance video, but Mr. Latimer was not identified until a few days later when officers were serving warrants for another matter at Mr. Latimer’s home.

Mr. Latimer has a 2013 conviction for Purse Snatching. The Solicitor’s Office did not make a recommendation as to sentence due to the defendant’s prior record and the details of this incident.