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Pickens County Man Sentenced on Attempted Murder and Related Charges

Thirteenth Circuit Solicitor Walt Wilkins states that Trenton James Black, age 30, pleaded guilty today in Pickens County Circuit Court to the charges of Attempted Murder, Resisting Arrest with a Deadly Weapon, Resisting Arrest with Assault, Possession of a Weapon During the Commission of a Violent Crime, Receiving Stolen Goods, and Unlawful Carrying of a Firearm. The Honorable Edward W. Miller sentenced Black to thirty years of incarceration. Black will not be eligible for parole until he has served at least 85% of his sentence.

Evidence presented at the plea hearing by Assistant Solicitor Sam Tooker established that on September 10, 2012, a deputy with the Pickens County Sheriff's Office encountered Black at a gas station in Pickens County, South Carolina. Black was in possession of a stolen motorcycle, and there was an outstanding warrant for his arrest. The deputy attempted to arrest Black, and Black tried to flee. The deputy blocked Black's escape, so Black struck the deputy with a motorcycle helmet. A struggle ensued. Black produced a firearm and twice fired the weapon at the deputy before the deputy was able to wrestle the gun away. One bystander at the gas station took control of the firearm while another put Black into a chokehold, helping to detain him until backup responded to the scene.