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**PRESS RELEASE**  
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**Greenville Man Sentenced on Murder, Attempted Murder and Weapons Charges**

Thirteenth Circuit Solicitor Walt Wilkins states that BILLY LEMURCES TAYLOR, age 25, was convicted on March 4, 2016, by a Greenville County jury of the charges of murder, attempted murder (two counts) and possession of a weapon during commission of a violent crime. He was sentenced by The Honorable Robin B. Stilwell to 40 years in the South Carolina Department of Corrections on the murder charge and concurrent sentences of 30, 30, and 5 years on the other charges. South Carolina Law mandates that BILLY LEMURCES TAYLOR will have to serve the entire 40 year sentence.

Evidence presented at the trial by Assistant Solicitor Mark Moyer established that on February 22, 2014, BILLY LEMURCES TAYLOR shot and killed Rodney Jermaine Nesbitt while he was occupying the rear passenger seat of a vehicle driving on Pelham Rd. near the intersection with Interstate 85. Ashley Hiott, who was driving the vehicle, survived despite being struck with a bullet in the right temple. Brittany Jeter was the other occupant of the vehicle who survived the assault. The investigation, led by Chris Hammett with the Greenville County Sheriff's Office, revealed that Billy Taylor fired at the victims from a red Camaro in which two other men were passengers. He then fled the scene and attempted over the next several days to evade law enforcement and hide his car. He was arrested on March 27, 2014, at his home.