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**Greenville Man Sentenced on Leaving the Scene of an Accident with Death,
Reckless Homicide**

Thirteenth Circuit Solicitor Walt Wilkins states that Lonel Ali Teasley, age 28, pled guilty immediately prior to trial on November 13, 2018 to Leaving the Scene of an Accident resulting in Death and Reckless Homicide. Teasley was sentenced by the Honorable Edward Miller to 12 years in the South Carolina Department of Corrections.

Evidence presented at the guilty plea hearing by Assistant Solicitor Elizabeth Gary established that around 10:00 p.m. on November 30, 2016, Lonel Ali Teasley was driving a truck headed east on Arch Street in Greenville County. He was traveling at approximately 41 mph in a 30 mph speed zone when he illegally crossed the double yellow lines to pass a car. Teasley lost control of his truck and ran off the road, striking a pedestrian, Michael Carson, and killing him instantly. Carson was walking west on Arch Street and was wearing a reflective vest. Teasley attempted to leave the scene in his truck but it was rendered immobile in the crash. Two eyewitnesses to the crash stopped and told Teasley his vehicle struck Carson. Teasley ran from the scene on foot and was apprehended by the Greenville County Sheriff's Office nearby shortly thereafter. Teasley admitted to having consumed alcohol prior to driving.

The case was investigated by Jonathan Bridges of the South Carolina Highway Patrol, with assistance from the Highway Patrol's Multidisciplinary Accident Investigation Team (MAIT) and the Greenville County Sheriff's Office.