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**Greenville Man Pleads Guilty to Domestic Violence Of A High And Aggravated
Nature and Unlawful Conduct Toward a Child**

Thirteenth Circuit Solicitor Walt Wilkins states that MARCUS A SEXTON, age 44, pled guilty on August 6, 2019 to Domestic Violence Of A High And Aggravated Nature, and Unlawful Neglect of a Child, avoiding a trial for attempted murder scheduled for August 14, 2019. The Honorable Letitia Verdin accepted the State's recommendation and sentenced Sexton to 18 years in prison. The defense asked the court to consider a much lower sentence.

Evidence presented at the plea hearing by Assistant Solicitor Judy Munson established that on March 11, 2018, MARCUS A SEXTON shot Rachel Cantrell, the mother of two of his children, in the left side of her face during an argument. The victim suffered a blast injury to the left side of her face requiring emergency reconstructive surgery. She also suffered fractures of her mandible and her sinus. One of the children the couple shares was in the Greenville County home when Sexton shot Cantrell.