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Greenville Man Sentenced on Assault and Battery of a High and Aggravated Nature

Thirteenth Circuit Solicitor Walt Wilkins states that Bobby Eugene Arnold, age 45, pled guilty today to Assault and Battery of a High and Aggravated Nature, and was sentenced to 12 years in the South Carolina Department of Corrections by the Honorable Robin B. Stilwell.

Evidence presented at the plea hearing by Assistant Solicitor Brian J. Moroney established that on April 11, 2017, Bobby Eugene Arnold severely beat Jerry Lemar Epps in the head and face. After the beating, Mr. Arnold loaded Mr. Epps' unconscious body into the rear of a vehicle. Mr. Epps was driven to Northside Park where the vehicle was parked near the entrance, and Mr. Epps was left inside bleeding profusely. Several hours later, the vehicle was discovered by a park employee and the Greenville County Sheriff's Office was notified. Due to the life threatening injuries sustained from the assault, Mr. Epps required eight months of hospitalization and is now wheelchair-bound. The case was investigated by Antonio Bailey with the Greenville County Sheriff's Office.