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Greenville Man Sentenced on Burglary First Degree, Safecracking, and Larceny

Thirteenth Circuit Solicitor Walt Wilkins states that on January 16, 2019, ZACHERY WARREN CANTRELL, age 20, pled guilty to Burglary in the First Degree, Possession of a Weapon during Commission of a Violent Crime, Safecracking, and Grand Larceny and was sentenced to 15 years in the South Carolina Department of Corrections by the Honorable Judge Robin Stilwell.

Evidence presented at the plea hearing by Assistant Solicitor Jennifer Tessitore established that on October 17, 2017, ZACHERY WARREN CANTRELL and his co-defendant, DYLAN S. BRYANT, forcibly entered a home in Taylors during the daytime. They armed themselves with the victim's handguns and filled a pillowcase with the victim's property. They also attempted to break into a safe filled with valuables. The victim and his brother came home to find the co-defendant with the pillowcase full of valuables coming toward them. The victim's brother fired his gun toward the co-defendant, who dropped the items, but he then escaped out front door. He was quickly found nearby in the woods by the Greenville County Sheriff's Office deputies. Search incident to arrest revealed the victim's handgun in his pocket as well as the victim's jewelry. This defendant ran out the back door and was arrested 3 weeks later after being implicated by the co-defendant. Defendant then confessed to GCSO investigators as to his participation in these crimes. The 20-year-old co-defendant was convicted in October, 2018, and is currently serving a 15-year sentence in the South Carolina Department of Corrections.

Solicitor Walt Wilkins stated: "Hopefully this prison sentence will make it clear to defendants that violating the security of one's home will not be tolerated."