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Greenville Man Sentenced on Two Counts of Criminal Sexual Conduct, First Degree, Kidnapping and Armed Robbery

Thirteenth Circuit Solicitor Walt Wilkins states that ANTWON MARCEES ROGERS, age 31, pled guilty to two counts of Criminal Sexual Conduct, First Degree, Kidnapping and Armed Robbery and was sentenced to thirty years in the South Carolina Department of Corrections by the Honorable Edward W. Miller.

Evidence presented at the plea hearing by Assistant Solicitors Doug Richardson and Brandi Hinton established that on July 27, 2015, ANTWON MARCEES ROGERS was at the Quality Inn located within the City of Easley, South Carolina. The victim was staying at the hotel when Rogers entered the victim's room, pushed her onto the bed and raped her at knife point. He then forced her into a bathroom and stole a cell phone and \$250 in cash. Video surveillance showed Rogers running from the room after the rape.

Also, on August 9, 2015, a second victim was at a closed Dollar General store located in Pickens County renting a movie from a Red Box. After renting the movie, the victim turned around to find Rogers pointing a .38 caliber pistol at her head. He stole the victim's wedding ring by forcing it off of her finger causing the victim to suffer a broken finger. Rogers then pistol whipped the victim twice in the head and raped her. He forced the victim into the trunk of her vehicle at gun point, and drove her to a second, secluded location off of Anderson Road in Greenville County. Rogers forced the victim out of

the trunk of the vehicle at gun point and raped her a second time. The victim eventually got away and was able to make it to a nearby residence where the resident called 911.

Rogers stole the victim's car and drove to a Red Roof Inn located in Hendersonville, N.C. Investigator Art Taylor of the Pickens County Sheriff's Office and Investigator David Picone of the Greenville County Sheriff's Office, who were the lead Investigators in the cases, located Rogers in Hendersonville where he was arrested. In his possession was the victim's vehicle, wedding ring and other items stolen from her at the time of the rapes. Also, found in Rogers possession was the .38 caliber pistol used during the rapes.