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Greenville Man Sentenced on Voluntary Manslaughter

Thirteenth Circuit Solicitor Walt Wilkins states that Ivan Sosa Marquez, age 26, pled guilty and was sentenced on the charge of Voluntary Manslaughter on November 12, 2019. The Honorable Letitia H. Verdin sentenced Marquez to twenty-eight (28) years.

Evidence presented at the plea hearing by Assistant Solicitor Walker Miller established that on September 3, 2018 Law Enforcement responded to a homicide call at 318 Three Oaks Circle in Greenville, South Carolina. Through investigation it was discovered the victim and another male lived at this address and approximately five days prior to the incident. The defendant asked the victim and his roommate if he could move in with them. The two men agreed to allow the defendant to move in. On the date of the incident, the victim and defendant engaged in a verbal argument, which escalated into a physical fight, in which neither person was using a weapon. According to the roommate, the defendant had the upper hand in the fight. The defendant got up, walked across the room to the kitchen and grabbed a large chef's knife. The defendant then began quickly moving back towards the victim, who began backing away. The defendant stabbed the victim in the back and abdomen. The defendant immediately fled the scene. The case was investigated by Investigator Jonathan Howard of the Greenville County Sheriff's Office.