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Greenville Man Sentenced to 35 years
For the Murder of his Mother and other crimes

Thirteenth Circuit Solicitor Walt Wilkins states that CHRISTOPHER LEE OLIVER, age 45, pleaded guilty to Murder, two counts of Possession of a Weapon During the Commission of a Violent Crime, and two counts of Carjacking in a Greenville County Courtroom earlier today. The Honorable Daniel Dewitt Hall sentenced OLIVER to 35 years in the South Carolina Department of Corrections.

Evidence presented at the plea hearing by Assistant Solicitor Christy Kednocker Sustakovitch established that on June 17, 2017, deputies responded to reports of a carjacking on Hartwick Lane in Greenville County. Greenville County Sheriff's Office deputies were informed that this defendant had carjacked the victims and stolen their vehicle as they pulled into the driveway of their residence. Deputies located this defendant driving northbound on I-385 towards Greenville at a high rate of speed. Asst. Solicitor Sustakovitch stated that when Oliver eventually stopped the vehicle in the downtown area, he got out of the vehicle as was described as disoriented and incoherent by the responding Deputies. Police later searched the home the defendant shared with his mother and found her stabbed to death. Subsequent investigation revealed that the defendant stabbed his mother to death, and then fled the residence and carjacked the neighbors as they arrived home.