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Pickens Man Sentenced on Bank Robbery & Domestic Violence

Thirteenth Circuit Solicitor Walt Wilkins states that BILLY JOE BUSH, SR, age 38, pled guilty on September 30, 2020 to Entering a Bank with the Intent to Steal, and was sentenced to 13 years in the South Carolina Department of Corrections by the Honorable Perry Gravely.

Evidence presented at the plea hearing by Assistant Solicitor Durham Hill established that on April 19, 2019, BUSH entered the Palmetto Health Credit Union in Easley, SC and presented the teller with a handwritten note stating that he had a gun and demanding money. BUSH received the money and fled the building. Easley Police Department was able to investigate and apprehend BUSH the following day.

BUSH also pled guilty to Domestic Violence, which occurred on August 29, 2018 and was sentenced to a concurrent 10 years in the South Carolina Department of Corrections.