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Greenville Man Sentenced on Assault with Intent to Commit CSC and Armed Robbery

Thirteenth Circuit Solicitor Walt Wilkins states that RONALD DEAN MCKINNEY, III, age 31, pled guilty on March 1, 2022, to Assault with Intent to Commit CSC and Armed Robbery, and was sentenced by the Honorable Letitia H. Verdin to 20 years in the South Carolina Department of Corrections.

Evidence presented at the plea by Assistant Solicitor Jon Gregory established that on the afternoon of November 25, 2019, RONALD DEAN MCKINNEY, III approached the victim from behind as the victim was walking on the Swamp Rabbit Trail near the Cleveland Street YMCA. McKinney then assaulted the female victim with the intent to commit sexual assault. The victim began fighting back, and the defendant presented a pistol and told her to be quiet. An eyewitness observed the attack, called 911 and began screaming for help. At that time, McKinney grabbed the victim's cell phone and wallet and fled. The Greenville Police Department located the pistol in McKinney's house. The pistol was processed for DNA, and the victim's DNA was found on the pistol's barrel and trigger.