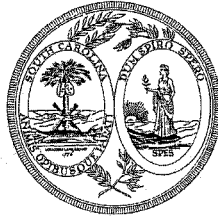


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**GREENVILLE MAN SENTENCED TO 35 YEARS FOR DEATH OF
TALIBAH ALLEN**

Thirteenth Circuit Solicitor Walt Wilkins states that thirty-three year old Willie James Poole was sentenced on Tuesday, January 17, 2012 to thirty years in prison after pleading guilty to Voluntary Manslaughter in the death of 31 year old Talibah Allen. The Honorable Robin Stilwell gave Poole a five year consecutive sentence for Possession of a Weapon During the Commission of a Violent Crime.

Evidence presented at the plea hearing by assistant Solicitor Judy Munson established that Talibah Allen, who had a daughter by Poole, went missing on Friday January 9, 2009. Her body was discovered by dirt bike riders in a wooded area off of Lakeside Road in Greenville County on Monday afternoon, January 12, 2009. An autopsy showed that Ms. Allen died as a result of three gunshot wounds to her chest. Poole had a history of domestic violence toward Ms. Allen. He was convicted in 2006 of pointing a firearm at Ms. Allen and her mother. He was arrested on January 20, 2009 after a witness told the Greenville County Sheriff's Office that Poole admitted to shooting Allen.