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Gang Members Convicted for Gas Station Shooting

Thirteenth Circuit Solicitor Walt Wilkins states that RAYMOND LEWIS YOUNG II, age 28; ESAIVEUS BOOKER, age 21; MICHAEL ANTONIO WILLIAMS, age 22; and KINJTA SADLER, age 19, were convicted on Saturday, January 12, 2013 by a Greenville County jury of seven counts of Attempted Murder. YOUNG, BOOKER, and WILLIAMS were convicted of an additional count of Assault and Battery by Mob 2nd Degree. YOUNG and WILLIAMS were convicted of a separate count of Conspiracy. YOUNG was sentenced to 30 years in the South Carolina Department of Corrections. RAYMOND LEWIS YOUNG II will have to serve at least 85% of the 30 year sentence before he becomes eligible for parole. BOOKER was sentenced to 20 years in the South Carolina Department of Corrections. BOOKER will have to serve at least 85% of the 20 year sentence before he becomes eligible for parole. WILLIAMS was sentenced to 20 years in the South Carolina Department of Corrections. Williams will have to serve at least 85% of the 20 year sentence before he becomes eligible for parole. SADLER was sentenced to 20 years in the South Carolina Department of Corrections. Sadler will have to serve at least 85% of the 20 year sentence before he becomes eligible for parole.

Evidence presented during the trial by Assistant Solicitor Katryna Salisbury established that on July 17, 2011, the defendants along with several others were involved in an altercation at the Red Planet night club on Cedar Lane Rd in Greenville. After a shooting at that night club, the defendants plotted a retaliatory attack against the victims, who they believed to be involved in the night club shooting. The

victims, who were parked at the Lil Cricket gas station on White Horse Rd, were ambushed by gunfire. The attackers included the four convicted defendants as well as four others, some of whom pled guilty and testified at trial. Evidence presented at trial was that the eight defendants parked behind the gas station and covered their faces before approaching the parking lot of the gas station on foot. Six of the defendants, including the four convicted at trial, were armed with handguns and opened fire, striking the gas pumps, vehicles at the gas station, and seven of the victims. During the investigation, investigators with the Greenville County Sheriff's Office identified the defendants and determined that the shooting was gang related.