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**PRESS RELEASE**  
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**Greenville Man Sentenced on Assault & Battery Of A High & Aggravated Nature**

Thirteenth Circuit Solicitor Walt Wilkins states that John Trevino Jr., age 36, pled guilty on May 22, 2012, the day of his trial, to the felony charge of Assault & Battery Of A High & Aggravated Nature. He was sentenced to twelve years in the South Carolina Department of Corrections by the Honorable Judge Garrison Hill.

Evidence presented at the plea hearing by Assistant Solicitor Jennifer Tessitore established that on March 3, 2011, John Trevino Jr., attempted to strangle the victim, his girlfriend at the time, and assaulted her repeatedly while she was in her vehicle. She and her two young daughters and the defendant had just left dinner together when with the defendant, who was intoxicated, flew into a rage while the victim was driving them back to Clinton, their hometown. The victim pulled into a restaurant's parking lot near Woodruff Rd. and the Defendant then began to strangle her and punch her repeatedly on the right side of her face, causing a laceration, swelling, and contusions. The victim and her two daughters were able to escape into the nearby restaurant where a patron of the restaurant called 911 for medical assistance and for law enforcement. Deputies with the Greenville County Sheriff's Office responded but the Defendant had fled on foot. He was later arrested in Fountain Inn.