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Greenville Man Found Guilty and Sentenced on Attempted Murder Charges

Thirteenth Circuit Solicitor Walt Wilkins states that THOMAS C PAGE, age 55, was convicted on September 12, 2013, by a Greenville County jury of 5 counts of attempted murder. He was sentenced to 30 years, suspended on the service of 10 years in the South Carolina Department of Corrections by the Honorable The Honorable Edward W. Miller. THOMAS C PAGE will have to serve at least 85 % of the 10 year sentence before he becomes eligible for parole

Evidence presented at the trial by Assistant Solicitor Mark Moyer established that on February 2, 2011, Greenville County Sheriff's Deputies Matt Owens, Tyler Price, and Gaston Martinez responded to Thomas Page's residence at 504 Penarth Dr. in Greenville after Mr. Page's wife called 911 and said she was afraid her husband had shot himself. When the responding officers confronted Mr. Page in his driveway, Mr. Page pulled a .40 caliber pistol from his jacket pocket and held it to his head. He then retreated towards a detached garage and, right before entering it, fired two times at the officers. The three officers all returned fire. Mr. Page escaped injury and secured himself inside the garage. After backup officers arrived, Mr. Page fired his pistol through the door of his shed at officers who had positioned themselves behind a fence that surrounded Mr. Page's yard. The investigation, led by Detective Eric Whaley, determined that Mr. Page fired at least 12 times at these deputies. Two deputies, Sgt. Tim Jones armed with a rifle and Deputy Chris McCalmont armed with a shotgun, fired back at Mr. Page. Mr. Page, still uninjured, then surrendered and was placed under arrest. At the trial, Mr. Page claimed that he could recall none of the incident because he had taken at least 3-4 of the popular sleep

drug Ambien. He also presented several character witnesses and produced testimony that he had never been in trouble before.