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Greenville Man Sentenced on Accessory Before the Fact to Murder

Thirteenth Circuit Solicitor Walt Wilkins states that WILLIAM JOE PHILLIPS, age 33, was convicted on June 12, 2013 by a Greenville County jury of Accessory Before the Fact to Murder, and sentenced to life without parole in the South Carolina Department of Corrections by the Honorable C. Victor Pyle.

Evidence presented at the sentencing by Assistant Solicitor Howard Steinberg established that on July 8, 2011, Charlie Roberts was murdered by Jerry "J.J." Leonard Allen in the Marietta section of Greenville County. Allen was hired by William "Jobo" Phillips to kill Mr. Roberts because Mr. Roberts was in a relationship with Mr. Phillips' former girlfriend.

J. J. Allen has pled guilty to murder and is awaiting sentencing.