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Laurens Man Sentenced to Life

Solicitor W. Walter Wilkins announced that on May 16, 2013 after four days of testimony and five hours of deliberation a Greenville County jury found 47 year old WILLIE MARVIN WILLIAMS guilty of the murder of his estranged wife, 28 year old Natasha Kerns. Williams was also convicted of possession a firearm during the commission of a violent crime, the attempted murder of Anthony Wilson, and unlawful conduct toward Williams' then 2 year old daughter who was present when Williams killed Kerns.

In the early morning hours of July 10, 2010 the Greenville County Sheriff's Office responded to Kerns' home on Idlewild Drive. Kerns called 911 to report that she heard noises outside her house, that she had a gun, and finally that it was in fact Williams who was on her front porch. On the 911 call Kerns is heard telling Williams to get off her porch, then a gun shot is heard. Kerns died almost instantly, from a single gunshot wound to her face. Williams had fired the shot while he was outside the house, the bullet going through a glass window and into Kerns head. Evidence at trial showed that Williams then broke into another window at the front of the house after killing Kerns. He then went down the hall way toward the master bed room where he encountered Anthony Wilson, Kerns' new boyfriend, and fired four more shots at Wilson as Wilson was tending to Kerns two children who were in the home at the time. Along with Kerns' two year old daughter was her nine year old son from a previous relationship.

Honorable Deadra Jefferson sentenced to Williams to life in prison for murdering Natash Kerns, five years for possession of a firearm during a violent crime, thirty years for the attempted murder of Anthony Wilson and ten years for the unlawful conduct toward the two year old daughter Williams shared with Kerns. These sentences are concurrent and Williams is not eligible for parole.