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## Greenville Man Convicted of Criminal Domestic Violence Of A High And Aggravated Nature

Thirteenth Circuit Solicitor Walt Wilkins states that SAMMIE LEE FAUST JR, age 48, was convicted on February 3, 2015, by a Greenville County jury of Criminal Domestic Violence Of A High And Aggravated Nature, and sentenced to 5 years in the South Carolina Department of Corrections suspended to 1 year of home incarceration, followed by 1 year of probation, by the Honorable Judge Garrison Hill.

Evidence presented at the trial by Assistant Solicitor Ryan Holloway established that on November 21, 2012, SAMMIE LEE FAUST JR. beat the victim Laquisha Dykes with a leather belt, burned her with a cigarette, and stabbed her eight times on the left side of her body with a steak knife and screwdriver. Ms. Dykes was able to stop her bleeding in her bathtub and did not seek medical treatment until two days later when her friend drove her to St. Francis Hospital who then reported the incident to Greenville Police Department.