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**PRESS RELEASE**  
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**Greenville Man Receives 45 Year Sentence on Home Invasion Murder**

Thirteenth Circuit Solicitor Walt Wilkins states that MARQUAL DEVINE GRIFFIN, age 26, was convicted on September 13, 2017 by a Greenville County jury of Murder, Burglary 1<sup>st</sup> Degree, two counts of Kidnapping, Attempted Armed Robbery, Assault & Battery 1<sup>st</sup> Degree, and Possession of a Weapon During the Commission of a Violent Crime and sentenced to 45 years in the South Carolina Department of Corrections by the Honorable Perry Gravely. MARQUAL DEVINE GRIFFIN will have to serve every day of his 45 year sentence and is not eligible for parole.

Evidence presented at the trial by Deputy Solicitor Andrew Culbreath and Assistant Solicitor Elizabeth Gary established that on December 27, 2015, MARQUAL DEVINE GRIFFIN forced his way into a home at 502A Perry Road where he held the occupants at gunpoint demanding money and drugs. During a physical confrontation between the defendant and the occupants in the home, 33 year old Nathan Crouch, a Marine Corps combat veteran, attempted to stop the defendant and was shot three times, dying at the scene. Sergeant Chris Hammett of the Greenville County Sheriff's Office Homicide Division led the investigation in this case.