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Greenville Man Sentenced on Aggravated Assault Charge

Thirteenth Circuit Solicitor Walt Wilkins states that BRAXTON LAVON HARE, age 19, was convicted on July 13, 2017, by a Greenville County jury for the charge of Assault and Battery of a High and Aggravated Nature and Failure to Stop for a Blue Light. He was sentenced to 20 years in the South Carolina Department of Corrections by the Honorable Edward W. Miller.

Evidence presented at the trial by Assistant Solicitors Mark Moyer and Brann Fowler established that on September 1, 2015, Braxton Hare got into an altercation with the driver of another vehicle while driving on Mills Ave. near downtown Greenville. The evidence showed that he and the passenger in his vehicle, co-defendant William Hunter, pulled pistols and pointed them at the driver of the other vehicle. As the driver ducked for cover, shots were fired into his vehicle, one of which struck the passenger door. Later that day, Braxton Hare, got into a high speed pursuit with law enforcement culminating with him wrecking his car into another vehicle and causing injuries that resulted in hospitalization for the driver of that other vehicle. William Hunter, who pled guilty and testified in the trial, was sentenced to 8 years.