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**PRESS RELEASE**  
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**September 21, 2017**

**Pickens Man Sentenced on Murder and Possession of a Weapon During  
the Commission of a Violent Crime**

Thirteenth Circuit Solicitor Walt Wilkins states that JARON LAMONT GIBBS, age 25, was convicted on September 21, 2017 by a Pickens County jury of Murder and Possession of a Weapon During the Commission of a Violent Crime, and sentenced to thirty five years in the South Carolina Department of Corrections by the Honorable Letitia H. Verdin.

Evidence presented at the trial by Assistant Solicitor Brandi Hinton and Britni McCall established that on August 1, 2015, JARON LAMONT GIBBS approached the driver's side window of a car the victim was riding in at an intersection in Clemson, South Carolina. Mr. Gibbs then fired one shot into the vehicle grazing the driver and striking the passenger in the head. The passenger was later pronounced dead at AnMed Hospital. Mr. Gibbs then fled to Atlanta, Georgia where he was apprehended by the US Marshals. The case was investigated by Mike Arflin of the Clemson City Police Department.