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**No Additional Charges Sought Against Greenville Man on Murder Conviction
Overturned by South Carolina Supreme Court**

Thirteenth Circuit Solicitor Walt Wilkins states today that no additional charges will be brought against JACK EARL PARKER related to an October 2001 incident where PARKER shot and killed Robert Lee Stewart. On September 2, 2005 a jury found PARKER guilty of Murder in connection with the shooting and he was sentenced to life in prison. In March, 2011 the South Carolina Supreme Court affirmed the South Carolina Court of Appeals' Decision to overturn the Murder conviction against PARKER pursuant to the Double Jeopardy provision of the Constitution.

Solicitor Wilkins, along with several senior prosecutors in his office, conducted an extensive factual review of the case and thoroughly examined all legal bases upon which additional charges could be brought against PARKER in light of the recent Supreme Court decision. Solicitor Wilkins and his staff also re-interviewed all available witnesses and consulted with family members of the victim. After completing the review process, Solicitor Wilkins has determined that no additional charges will be brought against PARKER as a result of the 2001 shooting. The South Carolina Attorney General's Office continues to pursue all available appellate options.