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**Former Clemson Student Sentenced on Strong Arm Robbery of Clemson University
Pharmacy**

Thirteenth Circuit Solicitor Walt Wilkins states that THOMAS CARL WYATT, age 28, pleaded guilty on May 20, 2014 to Strong Arm Robbery and was sentenced by the Honorable Edward Miller to twelve years, suspended upon the service of two years, followed by three years of probation. As a condition of the sentence, the defendant may serve the two years on house arrest with monitoring. The defendant was standing trial for the offense, and entered the plea after several of the State's witnesses testified about the case.

Evidence presented at the hearing by Assistant Solicitor Baker Cleveland established that on February 14, 2011, THOMAS CARL WYATT entered Redfern Health Center on Clemson University's Campus wearing a hood and sunglasses, and presented a note to the pharmacist demanding drugs that also stated "no games, no heroes, 30 seconds." The defendant also had his hand inside a black bag. The pharmacist complied with his demands and the defendant fled the scene. He was apprehended after witnesses came forward identifying him from a composite sketch of the robber released by police.