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Greenville Man Sentenced on Attempted Murder, Kidnapping & Armed Robbery

Thirteenth Circuit Solicitor Walt Wilkins states that DAVID MICHAEL ASHMORE JR, age 40, pled guilty on February 3, 2014 to two counts of Attempted Murder, two counts of Kidnapping, one count of Armed Robbery and one count of Grand Larceny. ASHMORE was sentenced to 25 years in the South Carolina Department of Corrections by the Honorable Steven H. John. DAVID MICHAEL ASHMORE JR will have to serve at least 85 % of the 25 year sentence before he becomes eligible for parole

Evidence presented at the plea hearing by Assistant Deputy Solicitor Lucas Marchant established that on December 1, 2012, DAVID MICHAEL ASHMORE JR was employed to do plumbing work at the victim's home. On the last day of the job, the defendant lured the husband into the bathroom and struck him in the head with a mallet and tied his hands and feet up. The defendant then lured the wife in from outside where she was putting up Christmas decorations to then attack her from behind, choking her out until she lost consciousness. The defendant began tying the wife's feet up when she regained consciousness and was able to fight him off. ASHMORE then fled the home in the victim's vehicle and he was caught within an hour at a motel with the vehicle and other property of the victims.

The case was investigated by the Greenville County Sheriff's Office. Marchant stated, "This was a remarkable example of quick response time by law enforcement and a coordinated effort of several Deputies to identify and apprehend the defendant. "Moreover the victims in this case should be commended for remaining calm and rational during this horrific series of events. "The wife was able to relay specific identifying information to law enforcement which enabled the Sheriff's Office to capture the defendant."