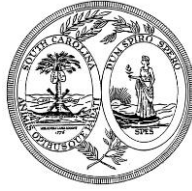


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Greenville Man Sentenced for Attempted Murder and Kidnapping

Thirteenth Circuit Solicitor Walt Wilkins states that ANTHONY BERNARD ALLEN, age 26, was convicted on October 10, 2019, by a Greenville County jury of attempted murder and kidnapping. He was sentenced by the Honorable Letitia Verdin to 25 years in the South Carolina Department of Corrections.

Evidence presented at the trial by Assistant Solicitor Mark Moyer established that on the night of September 10, 2017, ANTHONY BERNARD ALLEN tied up the victim, Anthony Watkins, in a residence on Holder Lane in Greenville after a dispute involving drugs. After beating Mr. Watkins in the residence, Allen and a co-defendant drove him to a dark street, tied him to the front passenger seat with a belt, and stabbed him with a knife more than 30 times. Allen left Mr. Watkins in the car in the parking lot of a church on Bluff Dr. in Greenville still tied up and unconscious. Anthony Watkins was found the next morning. He was rushed to a hospital where he was treated for his injuries.