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**Greenville Man Sentenced on Assault & Battery Of A High & Aggravated Nature and
Strong Arm Robbery**

Thirteenth Circuit Solicitor Walt Wilkins states that SAMUEL LAMAR RHODES, age 22, pled guilty on June 25, 2012 to Assault & Battery Of A High & Aggravated Nature (ABHAN) and Strong Arm Robbery. Mr. Rhodes was sentenced by the Honorable Edward W. Miller to 20 years in prison on the ABHAN charge, provided upon the service of 12 years and the remaining balance suspended upon the service of five years of probation, and ten consecutive years of incarceration on the Robbery charge, also suspended during his five year probation sentence. SAMUEL LAMAR RHODES will have to serve at least 85 % of the 12 year sentence before he becomes eligible for parole

Evidence presented at the plea hearing established that on May 25, 2011, SAMUEL LAMAR RHODES approached the male victim and his female companion in the parking lot of an apartment complex located at 100 Shemwood Lane in Greenville County. The defendant robbed both victims at gunpoint of their belongings and money. During the robbery, the defendant shot the male victim in the leg. The victims and the defendant did not know one another.