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**PRESS RELEASE**  
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**Greenville Man Sentenced on Assault With Intent To Kill and Criminal Domestic  
Violence of a High and Aggravated Nature**

Thirteenth Circuit Solicitor Walt Wilkins states that on February 9, 2012, DONALD BERRY BURGESS, age 64, pleaded guilty to Assault With Intent To Kill (AWIK) and Criminal Domestic Violence of a High and Aggravated Nature (CDVHAN), and was sentenced to 6 years suspended to 1 year in the South Carolina Department of Corrections by the Honorable Letitia Verdin. DONALD BERRY BURGESS will also be on probation for 3 years following his release from prison.

Evidence presented at the plea hearing by Assistant Solicitor Charley Bondurant established that on November 20, 2009, DONALD BERRY BURGESS, while at home, struck his wife twice in the face with a closed fist and strangled her until the defendant's step-son intervened. The defendant then retrieved his .25 automatic pistol and fired two shots into the door of the bathroom where his step-son was hiding nearly striking and killing him. The wife called 911 and the defendant was arrested at the home.