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**PRESS RELEASE**  
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**April 10, 2012**

**Greenville Man Sentenced on Attempted Murder**

Thirteenth Circuit Solicitor Walt Wilkins states that DONTAVIOUS KILPATRICK MAJORS, age 25, pled guilty on April 9, 2012 to Attempted Murder, and sentenced to twenty (20) years suspended to seven (7) years in the South Carolina Department of Corrections by The Honorable Letitia H. Verdin. DONTAVIOUS KILPATRICK MAJORS will have to serve at least 85 % of the 7 year sentence before he becomes eligible for parole

Evidence presented at the plea hearing by Assistant Solicitor Perry DeLoach established that on March 23, 2011, officers with the Greenville Police Department (GPD) attempted to conduct a controlled purchase of crack cocaine from the Defendant, DONTAVIOUS KILPATRICK MAJORS. During the transaction, the Defendant became suspicious of a confidential informant and began patting him down, ultimately discovering the audio transmitter. The GPD quickly responded to the scene and found the Defendant and another man sitting in a vehicle in the driveway of the residence where the purchase was to take place. The Defendant was the driver of the vehicle when Police officers ordered the men out of the car at gunpoint. MAJORS refused and accelerated towards Officer Kieth Cothran, who responded by firing a shot into the vehicle's windshield. Cothran was able to get out of the vehicle's path, but the vehicle came within feet of hitting him. The Defendant was identified in a six person photo lineup as the man who was driving the vehicle that almost hit Officer Cothran. MAJORS escaped but was located and arrested seven days later.