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**Young Woman Convicted in Trial of Reckless Homicide and Hit And Run Accident
Resulting in Death**

Thirteenth Circuit Solicitor Walt Wilkins states that ASTRID MULLER, age 28, was convicted on November 8, 2012 by a Greenville County jury of Reckless Homicide and Hit And Run Accident resulting in Death, and sentenced to 6 years, suspended upon 3 years in the South Carolina Department of Corrections by the Honorable Larry Hyman. ASTRID MULLER will have to serve at least 85 % of the 3 year sentence before she becomes eligible for parole

Evidence presented at the trial by Assistant Solicitors Sara Lee Drawdy and Elizabeth Major established that on October 9, 2010, at a little after 9:00 pm, ASTRID MULLER was driving her 2002 Ford Focus at a high rate of speed and was maneuvering in and out of traffic on Highway 123 when she struck James David Grisham, who was riding a moped in the outside Southbound lane. Mr. Grisham, who was killed almost instantly, was returning home to Easley after spending the afternoon at Fall for Greenville in downtown Greenville. Ms. Muller did not stop. She continued driving her severely damaged vehicle and successfully hid her car from law enforcement personnel who were out looking for a damaged car that may have been involved in the collision. A subsequent investigation conducted by the SC Highway Patrol and by the Patrol's Piedmont MAIT team led to Ms. Muller's arrest in the early morning hours of October 11, 2010.