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**Pickens Man Convicted of Criminal Domestic Violence of a High and Aggravated Nature**

Thirteenth Circuit Solicitor Walt Wilkins states that Tuesday, a Pickens County jury convicted Kris Clark, age 47, of criminal domestic violence of a high and aggravated nature. The Honorable G. Edward Welmaker sentenced Clark to a prison term of ten years suspended upon the service of twenty-one months followed by three years of probation. As a condition of probation, he must complete the batterer's treatment program.

Evidence presented at trial by Assistant Solicitor Sam Tooker established that on September 13, 2011, the Easley Police Department responded to Clark's residence in response to a complaint of domestic violence. On scene, Officer Adam Green encountered Clark's girlfriend who said that Clark had beat her repeatedly and choked her into a state of unconsciousness. Officer Green called emergency medical services and had the victim transported to the hospital for treatment.