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Man Convicted for Killing Taylors Woman.

Thirteenth Circuit Solicitor Walt Wilkins office stated today that Billy Wayne Burch, age 43 was convicted of one count of Murder, one count of Burglary First Degree, two counts of Possession of a Weapon During the Commission of a Violent Crime, one count of Arson and one count of Grand Larceny by a Greenville County Jury on Wednesday August 12, 2014. The Honorable Edward W. Miller sentenced Burch to Consecutive Life Sentences on the Murder and Burglary charges. Burch is not eligible for parole.

Evidence presented at the trial by prosecutors Lucas Marchant and Elizabeth Major established that on Tuesday February 21, 2012, Billy Wayne Burch entered the Alice Owenby's home and shot Mrs. Owenby twice resulting in her death. Burch then set the residence on fire and stole her car. DNA evidence was recovered off Burch's boots that were tested by SLED which matched the victim. Major stated "it was a collective effort of the Greenville County Sheriff's Office, Taylors Fire Department and local citizens in the area that provided evidence and testimony placing Burch in the area wherein Mrs. Owenby lived."

The case fell under the jurisdiction of the Greenville County Sheriff's Office and was investigated by Wayne Campbell of the Homicide Unit.