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Greenville Man Sentenced for Murder

Thirteenth Circuit Solicitor Walt Wilkins states that SYLVESTER KEEJAUN KING, age 36, was convicted on December 2, 2015 by a Greenville County jury of Murder and Possession of a Weapon During a Violent Crime. He was sentenced to life in prison without parole by the Honorable C. Victor Pyle, Jr..

Evidence presented at the trial by Assistant Solicitors Brittany Scott and Judy Munson established that on March 16, 2014, SYLVESTER KEEJAUN KING drove to the home of his former girlfriend, Janice Hackett on Rangeview Circle in Greenville County. Hackett had only recently moved to that home. Hackett's son testified that they were trying to keep this location secret from King. King stabbed Hackett eight times and fled to the Anderson home of another girlfriend. Hackett's 16 year old son found her dead in the home. King was captured approximately ten days later in Spartanburg County.

Janice Hackett was 42 years old at the time of her death. An autopsy showed that she died as a result of sharp force trauma to her head and neck.