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Greenville Man Sentenced on Voluntary Manslaughter

Thirteenth Circuit Solicitor Walt Wilkins states that MARSHELL HILL, age 61, was convicted on April 13, 2016 by a Greenville County jury of Voluntary Manslaughter, and sentenced to 22 years in the South Carolina Department of Corrections by the Honorable Judge Gregory. MARSHELL HILL will have to serve at least 85% of the 22 year sentence before he becomes eligible for parole.

Evidence presented at the plea hearing by Assistant Solicitor Howard Steinberg established that on August 13-14, 2013, MARSHELL HILL beat Billy Patterson to death in Marshall Hill's residence. They had been drinking together. At some point during the evening Marshall Hill became enraged and struck Mr. Patterson with a wooden stick repeatedly about the head and body. The body was found the next day in Mr. Hill's yard. The case was investigated by the Greenville County Sheriff's office. Chief investigators were Inv. Mike Fortner and Inv. Antonio Bailey.