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**PRESS RELEASE**  
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**December 7, 2017**

**Greenville Man Sentenced on Murder and Conspiracy Charges**

Thirteenth Circuit Solicitor Walt Wilkins states that JOHN MICHAEL HUGHES, age 60, was convicted on December 7, 2017, by a Greenville County jury of murder, conspiracy, and possession of a weapon during commission of a violent crime. He was sentenced to 55 years in the SC Department of Corrections by the Honorable Perry H. Gravely. He will not be eligible for parole and must serve the sentence day for day. The jury found that, on January 24, 2015, Hughes shot and killed his son-in-law, John Ferrell, at Hughes' residence in Simpsonville.

Charges remain pending against additional individuals in the case.