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Greenville Man Sentenced on Kidnapping and First Degree Criminal Sexual Conduct

Thirteenth Circuit Solicitor Walt Wilkins states that DEMETRIA KARZARIEAS LARICO ANDERSON, age 25, pled guilty on May 16, 2018, to Kidnapping and Criminal Sexual Conduct First Degree, and was sentenced to 24 years in the South Carolina Department of Corrections by the Honorable Letitia Verdin.

Evidence presented at the plea hearing by Assistant Solicitor Kate Weaver Patterson established that on September 17, 2017, DEMETRIA KARZARIEAS LARICO ANDERSON kidnapped the victim as she was getting out of her car to go to work at the Days Inn in Mauldin, SC. Evidence presented at the plea hearing established that on September 17, 2017, Anderson forced the victim into the passenger seat of her own car at gunpoint. Anderson got into the victim's car and drove her to an athletic field behind an nearby church where he then raped and assaulted her multiple times. The defendant then brought the victim back to Mauldin where she was ultimately able to escape and call 911. DNA evidence found at the incident location linked Anderson to the crime, and the victim worked with law enforcement to produce a sketch of the perpetrator that eventually led to Anderson's arrest.