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Pickens Man Sentenced on Accessory After The Fact To Murder

Thirteenth Circuit Solicitor Walt Wilkins states that DENNIS EZELL GIBBS JR, age 21, pleaded guilty to Accessory After the Fact to Murder and was sentenced to 15 years in the South Carolina Department of Corrections by the Honorable Letitia Verdin.

Evidence presented at the plea hearing by Assistant Solicitor Baker Cleveland established that on February 17, 2016, DENNIS EZELL GIBBS JR rode in a car along with Jamari Fair, Albert Taylor, and a juvenile co-defendant to the tri-city lanes in Easley where Jamari Fair (driver, previously sentenced to 20 years) had arranged a fight with a another man via social media. Also, during the day the four defendants posed a picture to social media of all of them holding guns, which was directed towards the people they wanted to fight. They confronted those they arranged a fight with and at some point Albert Taylor (previously sentenced to 32 years for murder) exited the vehicle and shot Brown in the chest with a .38 revolver, killing him. The four drove away, hid the guns in a backpack in Greenville County, and were apprehended getting gas at Spinx in Dacusville. The guns were recovered and the murder weapon was positively identified through SLED analysis.