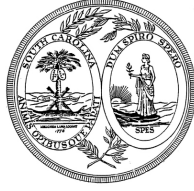


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Greenville Man Sentenced on Murder and Possession of a Weapon during a Violent Offense

Thirteenth Circuit Solicitor Walt Wilkins states that JARQUEZ KEZAVION COOPER, age 26, was convicted on May 24, 2024 by a Greenville County jury of Murder and Possession of a Weapon during a Violent Offense, and sentenced to 50 years in the South Carolina Department of Corrections by the Honorable Patrick Cleburne Fant, III.

Evidence presented at the trial by Senior Assistant Solicitor Doug Richardson and Deputy Solicitor Britni McCall established that on July 5, 2020, JARQUEZ KEZAVION COOPER entered Club Lavish located at 1701 White Horse Rd. in Greenville County. Cooper was part of the rapper “Foogiano’s” entourage who was at Club Lavish to perform. Cooper armed himself with a Glock .45 handgun with an extended clip after entering the club and was on stage with the artist “Foogiano” when Cooper pointed his weapon at the crowd due to a dispute. He shot at least five rounds into the crowd striking the Victim Mykala Bell one time causing her death.

The case was investigated by Investigator David Picone with the Greenville County Sheriff’s Office.