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Greenville Man Sentenced for New Year's Eve Robberies

Thirteenth Circuit Solicitor Walt Wilkins states that KENDALL DONYLE ARNOLD, age 24, pled guilty immediately prior to trial on March 4, 2019 and was sentenced to 18 years of incarceration in the South Carolina Department of Corrections on four counts of armed robbery and one count of attempted armed robbery.

Evidence presented at the plea hearing by Assistant Solicitor Mark Moyer established that on the evening of December 31, 2016, KENDALL DONYLE ARNOLD and another man robbed five people at gunpoint over a several hour period of time. He first robbed two women who were returning to a residence on Buff Street in Greenville after eating out. He and his co-defendant, Defonte Neal, then robbed a man on Henry Street outside the home of his aunt whom he was visiting. Shortly after that robbery, he and Defonte Neal robbed a man and woman on Anderson Street who were walking from their car to a New Year's Eve party near Greenville's West End. Several hours later Kendall Arnold led North Carolina Highway Patrol officers on a high speed chase north of Charlotte on Interstate 85. He reached speeds of 117 miles per hour before damaging his vehicle and attempting to flee the scene.