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Pickens Man Sentenced on Felony Driving Under the Influence Resulting in Death, Habitual Traffic Offender Causing Death, and Driving Under Suspension

Thirteenth Circuit Solicitor Walt Wilkins states that Timothy Adam Hester Sr., age 30, was convicted on January 26, 2017 by a Pickens County jury of Felony Driving Under the Influence Resulting in Death, Habitual Traffic Offender Causing Death, and Driving Under Suspension. He was sentenced to 10 years on the Felony DUI Resulting in Death and 6 years consecutive on the Habitual Traffic Offender Causing Death for a total of 16 years by the Honorable Letitia Verdin. The sentence will be served at the South Carolina Department of Corrections, and he will have to serve at least 85% of the sentence.

Evidence presented at trial by Assistant Solicitor Graham Buckner and Assistant Solicitor Baker Cleveland established that on January 30, 2015, Timothy Adam Hester Sr. was driving a 2005 Monte Carlo that was traveling at over 80 MPH, skidded through a stop sign, went airborne, and traveled down a private drive and collided with a tree. Twenty-three year old Alanah Holcombe, the passenger in the car, was pronounced dead at the scene. Hester claimed he was not driving, but through investigation and accident reconstruction, the Highway Patrol was able to determine Hester was the driver. A blood test showed his blood alcohol level was 0.122. Hester's license was suspended at the time, and he had been declared a Habitual Offender by the Department of Motor Vehicles.