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**PRESS RELEASE**  
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**Greenville Man Sentenced on Murder**

Thirteenth Circuit Solicitor Walt Wilkins states that TONY LAMETRIUS LEAMON, age 33, was convicted on July 20, 2017 by a Greenville County jury of Murder and Possession of a Weapon During the Commission of a Violent Crime and sentenced to life in the South Carolina Department of Corrections by the Honorable Durham cole.

Evidence presented during the trial by Assistant Solicitors Lisa Bentley Parrish and Jenna Hendricks established that in the early morning hours of June 14, 2014, TONY LAMETRIUS LEAMON shot Joseph Jamal Marion one time at close range in the head. The case was investigated by Mike Fortner of the Greenville County Sheriff's Office. Evidence presented included multiple eyewitnesses who were present at The Black and Mild Club the night of the shooting. When police arrived the victim was lying deceased on the floor of the club. He had been shot one time, at close range, in the front of the head. What appeared to be gunshot residue was found in his mouth and around the wound. During their on scene investigation this defendant's name came up as the only suspect.

Leamon's girlfriend at the time told police he came to her after the murder and confessed to shooting the victim in the head because the victim had annoyed him during the night. She later led police to the several co-defendants who helped Leamon avoid capture and ultimately drove him to Carrollton Texas where he was located by authorities.

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