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**PRESS RELEASE**  
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**Pickens Man Sentenced for 2018 Killing of Relative**

Thirteenth Circuit Solicitor Walt Wilkins states that TIMOTHY KEITH POOLE, age 42, pled guilty on October 2, 2019 in Pickens County to Voluntary Manslaughter and Desecration of Human Remains for a total of 21 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 or about February 10, 2018, after a heated argument, the defendant killed his cousin, Brian Poole, by shooting him with a shotgun. The defendant and victim lived together at a residence in Pickens County. The defendant then buried the victim in a shallow grave in the yard of the residence and poured a concrete slab over the remains. On March 8, 2018, the body of the victim was discovered and the defendant was arrested after a person, to whom the defendant confessed the crime, came forward to police. The case was investigated by Tanner Rhinehart of the Pickens County Sheriff's Office.