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Greenville Man Sentenced on Murder & Possession of a Weapon during a Violent Crime

Thirteenth Circuit Solicitor Walt Wilkins states that RAHIEM JARRARD GRIFFIN, age 31, was convicted on April 18th, 2024 by a Greenville County Jury of Murder & Possession of a Weapon During the Commission of a Violent Crime, and sentenced to 45 years in the South Carolina Department of Corrections by the Honorable Patrick Cleburne Fant, III.

Evidence presented at the trial by Assistant Solicitor Meghan Gasser and Assistant Solicitor Jon Gregory established that on January 31st, 2014, RAHIEM JARRARD GRIFFIN rode in a vehicle from a residence in Berea to a gravel access path near the intersection of Davis Road and Charles Gandy Way in Piedmont with four other individuals, including the Victim, Marquail Hellams. Only the Defendant and Victim exited the vehicle and walked off together. The Defendant then shot the Victim three times halfway down the dark access road away from any witnesses. The Victim was shot twice in the torso, and once in the back of the head. The incident was investigated by Investigator Wayne Campbell, with the Greenville County Sheriff's Office. Unfortunately, the case went cold. In 2021, Sergeant Jason Cox, with the Greenville County Sheriff's Office's Cold Case Unit, was able to use updated cell phone data technology to track the Defendant's phone along with the Victim's phone to the incident location. He was also able to speak with one of the other three persons in the vehicle, confirming what happened. Sergeant Cox was then able to seek warrants against the Defendant and two other codefendants.