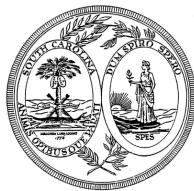


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Pickens Man Sentenced on two counts of Felony DUI with Death and two counts of Felony DUI with Great Bodily Injury

Thirteenth Circuit Solicitor Walt Wilkins states that JOSE MARTIN GUZMAN PLIEGO, age 31, pled guilty on February 2, 2023 to two counts of Felony DUI with Death and two counts of Felony DUI with Great Bodily Injury and was sentenced to 36 years in the South Carolina Department of Corrections by the Honorable Perry Gravely.

Evidence presented at the plea hearing by Assistant Solicitor Seth Johnson established that on November 4, 2021, JOSE MARTIN GUZMAN PLIEGO, while under the influence of alcohol, crashed into another vehicle driving southbound on Highway 123. The victims were Gladys Holbrooks and two of her great-grandchildren and two grandchildren— Cameron Michael Durham (age 6), Kynsee Durham (age 4), and their parents, Barry Durham and Kathryn Rhodes. The defendant was travelling at 100MPH when he crashed into the rear of the victims. The victims' vehicle rolled and ultimately came to a rest on its hood where it pinned and killed Gladys Holbrooks and her six-year-old great-grandson, Cameron Michael Durham. Barry Durham suffered numerous injuries including substantial pelvic fractures. Four-year-old Kynsee Durham, broke both her legs and suffered a spinal injury. The investigation was led by Trooper Michael Laginestra with the South Carolina Highway Patrol.