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**PRESS RELEASE**  
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**Greenville Man Sentenced in Poe Mill Murder**

Thirteenth Circuit Solicitor Walt Wilkins states that CONNELL SHAUNTAVEIS WELLS JR, age 22, pled guilty Monday, March 4, 2019 to Murder was sentenced to 30 years of incarceration in the South Carolina Department of Corrections by the Honorable Edward Miller.

Assistant Solicitor Katryna Owens prosecuted the case and offered to the Court evidence the State was prepared to present at trial. The evidence demonstrated that during the early morning hours of December 8, 2016 WELLS joined with two other defendants to commit a home invasion robbery. The three agreed to travel to a residence in the Poe Mill neighborhood in Greenville County believing that the house contained a large quantity of drugs. The three defendants met at Shemwood Crossing apartments. This defendant drove the three defendants in his car to a house on Cox Street. Once there, one defendant fired shots into the front window of the home while another kicked the door open. WELLS, who was himself armed with a 9mm handgun, went inside the home as well. The shots fired struck Clinton Pearson, who died on the scene.