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Greenville Man Sentenced on Kidnapping, Domestic Violence of a High and Aggravated Nature, and Possession of a Weapon During the Commission of a Violent Crime

Thirteenth Circuit Solicitor Walt Wilkins states that OLANDIO R WORKMAN age 46, was convicted on September 20, 2018 by a Greenville County jury of Kidnapping, Domestic Violence of a High and Aggravated Nature, and Possession of a Weapon During the Commission of a Violent Crime, and was sentenced to 15 years in the South Carolina Department of Corrections by the Honorable Alex Kinlaw, Jr.. The Defendant will have to serve at least 85 % of the 15 year sentence before he becomes eligible for parole.

Evidence presented during trial by the State established that from August 27, 2016, to August 29, 2016, the Defendant unlawfully confined and held his wife, the victim, against her will in their home with their two minor children present. The Defendant took the victim's cell phone and prevented her from seeking help or assistance. Over this two day period, while the two minor children were present, the Defendant struck the victim with his fists numerous times in her face and body. The defendant also possessed a loaded gun and used it to strike the victim and intimidate her.

On August 29, 2016, due to the victim's absence at her place of work, a co-worker called emergency services to do a welfare check on the victim. A Deputy with the Greenville County Sheriff's Office arrived on scene shortly after the welfare call was made. When the Deputy knocked on the victim's door, the Defendant answered the door and told the Deputy that the victim was at her mother's

residence, when in fact the victim and two minor children were being forcibly confined in a bedroom. As the Deputies continued to investigate, the Defendant fled out of the back of the house. Deputies promptly located the victim and her two minor children in the home. The victim sustained significant visible injuries to her face and body at the hands of the defendant over the three day period.

Solicitor Walt Wilkins states, “Through diligence of the Greenville County Sheriff’s Office and the strength of this brave victim, we are thankful she was able to find justice and hold this defendant accountable. We hope this verdict sends a message to our communities that domestic violence will not be tolerated.”