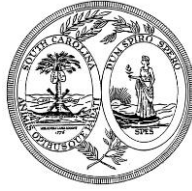


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**Greenville Man Sentenced for Strong Armed Robbery**

Thirteenth Circuit Solicitor Walt Wilkins states that MICHAEL LAMONT JONES, age 48, pled guilty and was sentenced by the Honorable Letitia Verdin to 15 years in the South Carolina Department of Corrections on May 8, 2019, for two counts of Strong Armed Robbery.

Evidence presented at the plea hearing by Assistant Solicitor Mark Moyer established that on January 18, 2018, MICHAEL LAMONT JONES robbed the Exxon Kangaroo, 906 Haywood Rd. in Greenville of over \$4,000 worth of cigarettes. He got behind the counter to steal the merchandise by threatening and intimidating the store clerk into believing he was armed. Michael Jones robbed the same store in similar fashion just five days prior. He also pled guilty to three counts of Shoplifting and was sentenced to 10 years concurrent on each.