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Greenville Man Sentenced on Voluntary Manslaughter

Thirteenth Circuit Solicitor Walt Wilkins states ALIM MUHAMMAD BANKS, age 56, pled guilty to Voluntary Manslaughter on October 8, 2019 before the Honorable Alex Kinlaw, Jr. Mr. Banks received an 18 year active sentence.

Evidence presented at the plea hearing by Deputy Solicitor William McMaster established that on February 26, 2018, ALIM MUHAMMAD BANKS, did intentionally cause the death of the victim, William McKinney (the defendant's brother), by shooting the victim in the chest. The defendant and victim had been engaged in an argument and the argument turned physical. At one point during the argument, the defendant told a witness she needed to call the police or her father because he was about to kill the victim. Shortly after this statement, the victim was shot. The victim was found in the closet of his home with a gunshot wound to the chest and numerous cuts on his head and face.

The defendant admitted to several witnesses and to Investigator David Picone of the Greenville County Sheriff's Office who investigated the case that he shot the victim. The firearm, a Ruger .380, used in the shooting was recovered by law enforcement.