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**PRESS RELEASE**  
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**September 13, 2019**

**Greenville Man Sentenced on Murder and Grand Larceny**

Thirteenth Circuit Solicitor Walt Wilkins states that SAMUEL HAWKINS JR, age 39, was convicted on September 12, 2019 by a Greenville County jury of Murder and Grand Larceny, and sentenced to 45 years in the South Carolina Department of Corrections by the Honorable Letitia Verdin.

Evidence presented at the trial by Assistant Solicitors Brandi Batson Hinton and Doug Richardson established that on September 12, 2013, SAMUEL HAWKINS JR met the victim at her residence on Oakland Drive. Hawkins and the victim got in to an argument in the early morning hours. After the argument, Hawkins re-entered the victim's residence and killed her. He then wrapped her body in her bedding, stole her SUV and disposed of her body on Whispering Hollow Road. The victim's body was discovered by a passerby 6 weeks later. Forensic evidence, Facebook records, surveillance and witness statements ultimately led the police to Hawkins. The case was investigated by the Greenville Police Department.