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Greenville Man Sentenced on Two Counts of Burglary First Degree

Thirteenth Circuit Solicitor Walt Wilkins states that CHRISTOPHER JAY WILLIAMS, age 40, pled guilty on November 12, 2019, to two counts of Burglary First Degree, and was sentenced by the Honorable Edward Miller to 15 years on each count to be served in the South Carolina Department of Corrections.

Evidence presented at the plea hearing by Assistant Solicitor Jennifer Tessitore established that on November 17, 2017, CHRISTOPHER JAY WILLIAMS broke into a resident's woodshop that was appurtenant to his home during the nighttime hours and attempted to steal a vehicle there. The resident followed Mr. Williams down the road while calling 911 and deputies with the Greenville County Sheriff's Office apprehended him as he carried several bags of stolen property away from the scene. The investigation by deputies on the scene revealed that the Defendant had entered another nearby home in the nighttime hours while that victim was out of town and armed himself with a loaded shotgun. Due to the immediate response and protective search by M/D Michael Downey of the Greenville County Sheriff's Office, the loaded shotgun was located in one of the Defendant's bags and the defendant was taken into custody.