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Greenville Man Sentenced on ABWIK and Burglary 1st

Thirteenth Circuit Solicitor Walt Wilkins states that RONNIE CLEVELAND SWOFFORD JR, age 39, was convicted on May 17, 2012, by a Greenville County jury of Assault & Battery with Intent to Kill, Burglary 1st, Possession of a Weapon During the Commission of a Violent Crime, Assault with Intent to Kill, and Possession of a Weapon by a Person Convicted of a Crime of Violence, and sentenced to Life Without the Possibility of Parole in the South Carolina Department of Corrections by the Honorable Edward Miller. RONNIE CLEVELAND SWOFFORD JR will have to serve a life sentence, and will not be eligible for parole.

Evidence presented at the four day trial, by Assistant Solicitor Kris Hodge, established that on July 27, 2009, RONNIE CLEVELAND SWOFFORD JR. entered the home of the victim while wearing a mask and possessing a .40 caliber handgun, and shot the victim in the stomach and also fired at a second victim as she attempted to flee the residence.