

# *News Release*

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## **Local taxi cab driver found guilty of murder, sentenced to 45 years.**

**Charleston, S.C. – December 4, 2008**

A Charleston County jury has found Antonio Vashawn Moultrie (DOB 06/12/1976) guilty of Murder. Moultrie was convicted for the stabbing death of Daniel Timothy Jones, 34, outside a residence on Wye Lane on February 5, 2008.

The victim and suspect were at a residence on East Surrey Drive that afternoon. After a disagreement, the victim left and went to a location on Wye Lane. Moultrie followed the victim to Wye Lane where the stabbing took place. Moultrie, a taxi driver, fled the crime scene in his taxi cab, but later turned himself in at the Charleston County Sheriff's Office. The victim was transported to MUSC where he died.

“This case was difficult because there were no eye-witnesses to the stabbing. The North Charleston Police Department, in particular their Crime Scene Unit, did an excellent job that allowed us to rule out a number of alternative explanations about what took place at the crime scene,” said Assistant Solicitor Henry Leventis.

In South Carolina, murder carries a potential sentence ranging from a minimum of 30 years to a maximum of life. Upon the conviction, Circuit Court Judge Edward G. Welmaker sentenced Moultrie to a term of 45 years. “We were very pleased with the outcome in this case,” said Assistant Solicitor Peter McCoy.

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