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**Jury convicts Travis Jones for 2008 shooting of Bojangles Cook
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Solicitor Scarlett Wilson announced that a Charleston County jury has found Travis Jones (DOB 10/21/2008) guilty of the 2008 shooting of a Bojangles cook on Ashley Phosphate Road. The jury deliberated for approximately one and half hours Thursday afternoon before handing down their verdict. Judge Deirdre Jefferson sentenced Mr. Jones to twelve years incarceration on the charges of attempted armed robbery and assault and battery with intent to kill. The sentences will run concurrently.

According to Assistant Solicitors Chad Simpson and Kelley Flynn, who prosecuted the case, on February 4th, 2008, Charles Hamilton, a cook at Bojangles, cashed his federal income tax return check before reporting to work. Once at work, coworkers learned of the money on his person. A coworker and his acquaintance, the defendant Travis Jones, then waited at a nearby hotel until the approximate time that Charles would be taking out the trash from the night's diner shift. As Charles took out the garbage, Travis Jones approached him with a .22 caliber handgun and demanded all his money. When Charles refused, Mr. Jones shot him in the arm. As the victim tried to flee, Mr. Jones shot him three times in the back and then went through his pockets as he lay bleeding on the pavement. In the flurry of activity following the shooting, Mr. Jones was unable to locate the cash in the victim's rear pocket and fled the scene empty handed. The coworker of Mr. Hamilton who acted as a look out for Travis Jones during the crime pleaded guilty to the same offenses under the "hand of one / hand of all" doctrine and was sentenced to four years on each offense.

Assistant Solicitor Simpson stated, "The victim in this case was making his way in this world the right way and proud of what he earned. He did not deserve to almost die for his hard earned money. I'm very happy the jury saw to it that the perpetrator was held responsible for his actions."

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