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Judge Sentences Man to 18 Years for Killing Pedestrian during Police Pursuit

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Solicitor Scarlett Wilson announced that Sidney Lamar Foy (DOB 06-03-86) was sentenced to 18 years in prison for Hit and Run Resulting in Death, Reckless Homicide, and Failure to Stop for a Blue Light. Mr. Foy pled guilty to the charges on Tuesday, May 16, 2017. Upon the guilty plea, Judge R. Markley Dennis sentenced Mr. Foy to 25 years, but suspended that sentence to 18 years of active prison time. Mr. Foy faced a sentencing range of 1 year to 25 years in prison for Hit and Run Resulting in Death.

Assistant Solicitor Charlie Patrick prosecuted the case for Charleston County, and Assistant Solicitor Wilton McNeely prosecuted the case for Berkeley County. Mr. Patrick recounts that on September 3, 2015 at approximately 11:00 PM, a Hanahan police officer observed Mr. Foy turn onto Tanner Ford Boulevard in Berkeley County without using a turn signal. Believing that the Defendant was impaired, the officer activated his emergency lights to stop the vehicle. The Defendant travelled for several hundred yards before briefly stopping at the intersection of Tanner Ford Blvd. and North Rhett Avenue to allow a passenger to exit the vehicle. The Defendant then fled southbound on North Rhett.

The Defendant then continued south for around two miles at an extremely high speed before crossing into Charleston County. Immediately before approaching the intersection of North Rhett and Remount Road, the Defendant struck the victim Dana Hughes as Mr. Hughes was crossing the street. Highway Patrol estimates the Defendant struck the victim while traveling between 67 and 82 miles an hour. The victim was immediately killed from multiple blunt force injuries.

The Defendant continued to flee from police before turning onto Interstate 526, where pursuing officers backed away and the Defendant was able to escape. The Defendant later turned himself in. Crime scene evidence definitively linked this Defendant to the vehicle, and the Defendant admitted to striking an object on N. Rhett while fleeing. The Defendant was driving with a suspended license.

Assistant Solicitor Charlie Patrick stated, "I am extremely grateful that we were able to deliver justice for the victim and his family. This horrific offense was the direct result of the Defendant's decision to flee from law enforcement. The sentence demonstrates that this conduct cannot go unpunished."

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