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Charleston County Jury Convicts David White of Assault and Battery of a High and Aggravated Nature and Possession of a Weapon During the Commission of a Violent Crime

Charleston, S.C. – Solicitor Scarlett A. Wilson announced that a Charleston County jury found David Alan White (b/m DOB 2-24-1986) of Charleston County guilty of Assault and Battery of a High and Aggravated Nature and Possession of a Weapon During the Commission of a Violent Crime.

On the day before Thanksgiving 2013, victim Joseph Johnson was spending time at a friend's house on Hillandale Road in North Charleston. The Defendant, David White, another guest at the home, viciously and without provocation slit Johnson's throat. The victim suffered a severe injury and great loss of blood, requiring surgical intervention.

"This Defendant sliced another man's throat, almost costing him his life. That kind of behavior clearly shows an indifference to human life, and we are pleased that the jury saw this assault for what it was" said Assistant Solicitor Newman.

The jury returned its verdict Thursday morning. The defendant had a prior record that included minor traffic offenses. Upon conviction, the Honorable J. C. Nicholson, Jr. sentenced White to ten years on the assault and five years on the weapon charge. The sentences are to be served consecutively. Assistant Solicitors Jenna Newman and Shannon Elliott prosecuted the case for the Ninth Circuit Solicitor's Office.

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