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**Jury convicts Gregory Gathers for 2010 murder of Renee Nevarez.
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Solicitor Scarlett Wilson announced that a Charleston County jury has found Gregory Gathers (DOB 4/4/1963) guilty of murder for the 2010 killing of Renee Nevarez. The jury deliberated for approximately forty-five minutes Thursday afternoon before handing down their verdict. Judge J.C. Nicholson sentenced Mr. Gathers to life in prison based on the facts of the case and the defendant's 1988 conviction for Assault and Battery of a High and Aggravated Nature. Wilson stated, "We are grateful that Judge Nicholson gave the max for a man who devastated a family and refused to accept responsibility for such a savage attack."

According to Assistant Solicitors Culver Kidd and Adam Young, who prosecuted the case, on August 6, 2010, Gregory Gathers and Renee Nevarez had a relationship in which Gathers gave Nevarez crack cocaine in exchange for sex. After spending the evening with Nevarez in her home, he began to suspect Nevarez stole approximately \$400 dollars from him. He then began to beat and torture Nevarez, in an attempt to recover his money. Gathers punched her in the face and head until she died. At some point during the beating, he used a kitchen knife and cut slits into her eyelids. Gathers never recovered his money from Nevarez and it was never found by law enforcement who subsequently executed a search warrant on her home.

Assistant Solicitor Kidd stated, "Though Gathers admitted to killing Nevarez he tried to make it her fault. Some of the pictures of the victim were so gruesome that the judge couldn't allow the jury to see them. Fortunately, the jury was able to see through Gathers' lies and hold him accountable for his brutality."

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