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FIRST COUSIN OF MURDER VICTIM SENTENCED TO LIFE Charleston, S.C.

Solicitor Scarlett A. Wilson announced that a Charleston County jury found Kevin Lamar Howard (b/m DOB 07-25-1985) of Charleston County guilty of Murder, Burglary, and Kidnapping after a two and a half day trial. Howard had been previously convicted of Possession of Cocaine and Felon in Possession of a Weapon. Upon conviction, the Honorable Kristi Harrington sentenced Howard to thirty years on the Burglary, thirty years on the Kidnapping charge, and Life on the Murder charge, all to be served consecutively. Assistant Solicitors Jennifer Kneece Shealy and Chris Lietzow prosecuted the case for the Ninth Circuit Solicitor's Office.

On March 28, 2012, a witness testified that the victim Adrian Lyles was abducted from his home in West Ashley by his cousin Kevin Howard and a male named "Ty." Lyles' body was found early the next morning in a remote area of Wadmalaw Island. He had been shot 10 times; 6 of those shots to the head. Three different types of weapons were used. A friend of Howard's testified that she met Howard after the shooting and he was in a vehicle with "Ty" and Broderick Seay. The vehicle driven by "Ty" contained a canvas bag that Howard used to hold his shotgun. Howard hid out in hotels for the following three days before he was arrested in Summerville during a traffic stop with Broderick Seay. Evidence at trial revealed that Howard repeatedly attempted to lure people into establishing a fake alibi. Howard told at least two witnesses that Lyles was a "snitch" and that his name was "stank on the street."

According to Jennifer Kneece Shealy, the family of Adrian Lyles was in the unenviable position of losing a loved one to violence and losing the Defendant because of his acts.

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