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## *Man Convicted of Attempted Murder and Attempted Armed Robbery Sentenced to 20 Years in Prison*

**Charleston, S.C. – October 17, 2012**

Solicitor Scarlett A. Wilson announced that a jury convicted 20 year old Denorris Hall of North Charleston, South Carolina, Wednesday for Attempted Murder and Attempted Armed Robbery that occurred in North Charleston back in September 2010. Circuit Court Judge Kristi Harrington sentenced Hall to a term of 20 years with the South Carolina Department of Corrections. Under the sentencing laws governing Attempted Murder and Attempted Armed Robbery, Hall must serve at least eighty-five percent (85%) of this sentence before he will be eligible for parole. Co-defendant Herman Smith pled guilty to Attempted Murder and Attempted Armed Robbery last month and testified against Defendant Hall during the trial. Smith remains to be sentenced.

Assistant Solicitors Adam Young and Burns Wetmore prosecuted the case. The North Charleston Police Department investigated the case. On September 13, 2010, at the corner of Spruill and McMillan Avenue, co-defendants Denorris Hall and Herman Smith approached the victim who was walking home. Both defendants attempted to rob him at gun point but the victim ran. As the victim fled the defendants fired their guns, striking the victim in the back. Video from a nearby business helped corroborate the victim's version of events.

Assistant Solicitor Young stated, "This was a ridiculous, senseless crime. The victim was running away and posed no threat to these defendants. We are grateful that the victim stood strong and came back from another state to testify. Because of him we were able to bring justice to a cold-hearted criminal."

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