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Lifelong Criminal Otis Robinson Sentenced to Life Without Parole

Charleston, S.C. – Solicitor Scarlett A. Wilson announced that on Tuesday, October 29, a Charleston County jury found defendant Otis Robinson guilty of Burglary in the First Degree. The Solicitor’s Office previously filed the necessary paperwork to require a mandatory sentence of life in prison upon Robinson’s conviction. Following the guilty verdict, Circuit Court Judge Knox McMahon sentenced Robinson Life without Parole.

On May 31, 2011, the West Ashley victim came home after work to find Robinson, who was a stranger to him, ransacking his residence. Assistant Solicitor Stephanie Linder said that Robinson shattered a rear window to gain entry to the home and was in the middle of looking for loot when the victim arrived home, and caught Robinson in the midst of the burglary. Robinson fled the scene on foot but the Charleston Police Department responded immediately and caught him within a few blocks of the victim’s home. Robinson had possession of some of the victim’s property when he was arrested. In addition, Robinson’s DNA was recovered from blood inside the victim’s home, and he left a fingerprint just outside the shattered window. Linder said, “Charleston Police Department’s quick response and thorough investigation helped us finally bring this lifelong criminal to justice.”

Robinson, 44, has a criminal history spanning over 25 years. Robinson had recently completed an 8 year sentence for burglary when he was arrested on these charges. The case was prosecuted by Linder and Assistant Solicitor Lindsey Byrd. The defendant will serve life without the possibility of parole.

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