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RAVENEL MAN SENTENCED TO EIGHTY YEARS Charleston, S.C.

Solicitor Scarlett A. Wilson announced that on Friday, January 17, 2014, a Charleston County jury found Latrone Terrell Butler (DOB: August 20, 1984) of the Ravenel area of Charleston County guilty of Attempted Murder, Carjacking, and Kidnapping. The jury deliberated for less than three hours before rendering its verdicts. Butler had been previously convicted of Assault and Battery with Intent to Kill, three previous charges of Assault and Battery of a High and Aggravated Nature, Assault on a Police Officer, Failure to Stop for a Blue Light, and Grand Larceny. Upon conviction, the Honorable Roger Young sentenced Butler to thirty years on the Attempted Murder charge, thirty years on the Kidnapping charge, and twenty years on the Carjacking charge, all to be served consecutively. It was the maximum possible sentence for each charge. Assistant Solicitors Jennifer Kneece Shealy and Andrew Evans prosecuted the case for the Ninth Circuit Solicitor's Office.

The victim, a sixty-seven year old Charleston woman, was abducted from her home on December 5, 2011 by Butler, who forced her into the passenger side of her own vehicle. Butler then drove the Victim to an isolated spot in rural Charleston County and attempted to kill her by repeatedly trying to break her neck. He fled the scene when an oncoming car interrupted his attempts.

According to Jennifer Kneece Shealy, "Butler was identified by the victim in a photographic lineup and located three days later at a local night club with the victim's car in the

parking lot and the key to the vehicle in his shoe. His DNA and fingerprints were inside her vehicle along with the clothing he had worn the night of the abduction.”

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