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NORTH CHARLESTON MAN CONVICTED OF ARMED ROBBERY AND POSSESSION OF A WEAPON DURING A VIOLENT CRIME

Charleston, S.C.

Solicitor Scarlett A. Wilson announced that a Charleston County jury found Kendall J. Tyus, Jr. guilty of Armed Robbery and Possession of a Weapon during the Commission of a Violent Crime on Wednesday afternoon. Judge Deadra L. Jefferson sentenced Tyus to thirteen years on the armed robbery and five years on the weapons charge to be served concurrently.

On October 22, 2012, Tyus entered *Under the Sea* restaurant on Dorchester Road in North Charleston armed with a semi-automatic handgun. He charged at the cashier causing her and her husband to flee in fear. Tyus jumped the counter, removed the cash register tray, and exited the business. Though Tyus could not be identified through it, the entire incident was captured on video surveillance inside the restaurant.

Testimony revealed that Tyus's fingerprints were located on the cash register tray found a short distance from the business. Additionally, North Charleston Police Department executed a search warrant at Tyus's house. Investigators located the clothes worn during the robbery, a semi-automatic handgun, and money hidden throughout the house.

Assistant Solicitor Lietzow stated, "We are happy the jury held the defendant accountable for his actions."

Assistant Solicitors Chris Lietzow and Nick Lewis prosecuted the case on behalf of the Ninth Circuit Solicitor's Office. Lorelle Proctor and Tamara Van Pala of the Ninth Circuit Public Defender's office represented Kendall Tyus, Jr.

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