

News Release

For Immediate Release

Contact: Naomi Nation
(843) 958-1945

May 31, 2017

MAN SENTENCED TO 15 YEARS FOR ARMED ROBBERY AND KIDNAPPING

Charleston, S.C.

Solicitor Scarlett A. Wilson announced that a Charleston County jury found Tappia Deangelo Green, of North Charleston, guilty of Armed Robbery, Kidnapping, and Possession of a Weapon during the Commission of a Violent Crime. The jury deliberating returned the verdict late Thursday afternoon after three days of trial. Green had previously been convicted of Strong Arm Robbery, Possession of a Stolen Pistol, Unlawful Neglect of a Child, Unlawful Carrying of a Pistol, and Assault & Battery (Third Degree). The Honorable Roger L. Couch sentenced Green to 15 years in prison.

Testimony at trial revealed that on April 14, 2015, Tappia Green, Johnathan Johnson (who pled guilty prior to trial), and a third unknown individual kidnapped the victim at gunpoint from outside Wells Fargo on Dorchester Road in North Charleston. The victim was approached by Johnson and asked if he would help jump start Johnson's car. The victim assisted and was then taken at gunpoint and put in the backseat of the Defendants' car. All three individuals pointed guns at the victim and demanded money from him. The victim did not have any cash but had a check waiting for him at his place of employment, Hardee's in Mount Pleasant. The three gunmen drove the victim to Hardee's, escorted him inside to pick up his check, and then drove him back to North Charleston, where he was again escorted inside ACE Cash Express to cash his check. Once the gunmen had the cash, Green wanted to kill the victim. Johnson refused and the victim was dropped off at the Tiger Mart gas station on Rivers Avenue in North Charleston.

Assistant Solicitor Daniel W. Cooper, who prosecuted the case, stated that “Tappia Green has done this before: using the ploy of needing help jump starting a car to rob unsuspecting Good Samaritans. But thanks to the hard work of the North Charleston Police Department, the continued involvement and cooperation of the victim, and the attentiveness and resolve of the jury to find the truth, Green will be off the streets for quite some time.” Assistant Solicitor Burns Wetmore and Investigator Ray Haupt assisted in the prosecution of this case.

###