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Jury Convicts Marquise Kayron Kinloch of Armed Robbery, Kidnapping, and Assault and Battery of a High and Aggravated Nature

On Friday, May 18, 2018, a Charleston County jury found Marquise Kayron Kinloch guilty on three indictments for the robbery and shooting of another young man in 2014. Judge Deadra L. Jefferson sentenced Kinloch concurrently to ten years of incarceration on Armed Robbery, ten years of incarceration on Kidnapping, and thirteen years of incarceration on Assault and Battery of a High and Aggravated Nature. Attorney Alex Apostolou represented Kinloch at trial.

Kinloch conspired with a female to lure the victim to the dead end of Williams Mazyck Lane in unincorporated Mount Pleasant, with the promise of sex and a marijuana sale. The incident location was dark, secluded, and marked by a great oak tree. While the victim and the female were in the victim's parked car, preparing to engage in a sexual encounter, Kinloch and two other men, armed with an assault rifle and handguns, emerged from the woods and ambushed the victim. The men removed the victim from his car at gunpoint while taking his clothing, shoes, and an AK-47. Kinloch and the other men then allowed the victim to get back in his car to leave. As the victim drove away, however, Kinloch shot at the fleeing vehicle. A bullet penetrated the trunk, back seat, and driver's seat and struck the victim in the right arm. The victim immediately drove to MUSC, where he was treated for a gunshot wound.

The Charleston County Sheriff's Office investigated the matter and recovered text messages between the female and Kinloch which showed that the two planned the robbery and were in close communication until the ambush. Furthermore, cellular records placed Kinloch's phone in the general area of the incident location. Other phone calls between the female and Kinloch demonstrated Kinloch's attempts to have the female cover up his involvement in the incident.

Assistant Solicitors Alexander Ziegler and Alexandra Ginsburg prosecuted the case. "This is the sort of crime that could have gone unsolved," said Ziegler. "Because of the efforts of investigators from the Charleston County Sheriff's Office and Ninth Circuit Solicitor's Office, Kinloch's conspiracy was uncovered and we were able to hold him accountable for this robbery trap and shooting."

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