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Man Pled Guilty to Voluntary Manslaughter and Sentenced to 25 Years in Prison

Charleston, S.C. – On January 10, 2019, Jobany Colon, 41, of Puerto Rico pled guilty in Charleston County to Voluntary Manslaughter and Possession of a Weapon During the Commission of a Violent Crime. Judge Jennifer McCoy sentenced Colon to a 25-year active prison sentence concurrent with a mandatory 5 years on the gun charge. Assistant Solicitor Nina Savas prosecuted the case and Public Defender Nick D'Angelo represented the defendant.

The incident occurred on May 19, 2017 at approximately 11:40 am on the corner of Leslie and Nelson Streets in North Charleston. After a verbal exchange, the defendant pulled a gun and shot the victim at close range. Even after the victim fell to the ground, the defendant continued firing. The defendant fled the scene and an eyewitness transported the victim to the hospital. The victim sustained four gunshot wounds to the chest, abdomen, and left thigh. He died later that evening. A reluctant eyewitness identified the defendant as the killer. The North Charleston Police Department canvassed the area and located the defendant in a nearby apartment in possession of clothing that matched descriptions from witnesses.

Colon was originally from Puerto Rico, but spent time in New York prior to moving to the Charleston area. He is affiliated with the Latin Kings Gang and had a prior history of drug abuse and property crimes. The victim was a Charleston resident and 28 years old at the time he was killed. The victim's mother and other family members attended the plea hearing and spoke on behalf of the family.

Assistant Solicitor Savas stated, "Due to the proactive policing of the North Charleston Police Department and cooperation of witnesses, this case was able to be solved and justice was served. Although there is no way to make a victim's family feel whole after such a deep loss, the assurance of a solid conviction through a plea and a 25 year sentence will at least put the defendant behind bars for most of his life. The family showed great strength throughout this difficult process."

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