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## **Solicitor Wilson Announces Motion Filed to Prosecute Juvenile as an Adult for Goose Creek Crime Spree**

*Moncks Corner, SC*– Solicitor Scarlett A. Wilson announced her intention to try both defendants charged with a crime spree, which resulted in three murders, in General Sessions Court. Solicitor Wilson stated, “We thoroughly reviewed the facts of the case and the factors the Judge will consider. We believe prosecuting both defendants in General Sessions Court is absolutely necessary to protect our community.”

After investigating three incidents, the Goose Creek Police Department alleges that on July 3, 2020, a juvenile and an adult co-defendant (Jabaari Ferguson, age 24) conspired to commit, and did commit, two separate armed robberies in the Sunrise Mobile Home Park and Pine Shadow Drive areas of Goose Creek. Later that same day, the same defendants attempted to commit a third armed robbery at the Oakside Mobile Home Park in Goose Creek, during which three individuals were shot and killed. Those killed were: Salvador Alonso Dominguez (age 32), Jose Torres-Padilla (age 39), and Ocasio Marquez (age 45).

The 16 year-old juvenile was charged in family court with three counts of Murder, four counts of Armed Robbery, three counts of Attempted Armed Robbery, seven counts of Possession of a Weapon During a Violent Crime, and four counts of Pointing a Presenting a Firearm at a Person. The adult co-defendant, Ferguson, was charged in the Court of General Sessions with committing the same offenses.

The law allows 30 days for the Solicitor to seek a transfer of jurisdiction from the Family Court to the General Sessions Court. “Last week, within the 30-day time frame, we filed the necessary paperwork to notify the Court and the Defense that we are seeking to try the juvenile as an adult,” Solicitor Wilson said. Pursuant to South Carolina law, information and records regarding juveniles cannot be disclosed directly or indirectly to anyone without a court order. Both defendants remain innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

