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## *News Release*

### **Man Convicted in West Ashley Shooting**

**Charleston, S.C. – June 15, 2023.** -- Solicitor Scarlett Wilson announced that on Friday, June 9, 2023, a Charleston County jury found Algernard Devincent Young guilty of Murder and Possession of a Weapon During the Commission of a Violent Crime. The jury reached its verdict Friday afternoon following the fifth day of trial. Young was represented by Shaun Kent and Nathan Williams and faced a sentence of thirty years to life imprisonment on the murder charge. Following the verdict, Presiding Judge Deadra Jefferson sentenced him to forty years.

Prosecutors Jessica Baldwin and Timmy Finch presented the case against Young, recounting the details of the shooting. The jury learned that the defendant stalked his ex-wife, following her to her home on November 15, 2019. Then, in the early morning hours of November 16, 2019, Young shot her new boyfriend five times, including twice in the head, as he walked to her apartment in West Ashley.

Prosecutors presented testimony from Young's ex-wife, who heard Young yell outside of her apartment at the time of the shooting. She confirmed to the jury that it was Young's voice, and no one else, who she heard.

After the shooting, Young fled back to his home before eventually returning to the scene of the crime where he was identified by officers on scene and taken into custody.

The City of Charleston Police Department (CPD) tested Young's hands for gunshot residue, which came back positive. Additionally, phone records tied Young to the incident location at the time of the shooting, helping to secure the conviction.

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