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Man Convicted of 2019 North Charleston Shooting

Charleston, S.C. – May 21, 2023. -- Solicitor Scarlett Wilson announced that on Wednesday, May 18, 2023, a Charleston County jury found Tyquan Denard Cooper guilty of Assault and Battery of a High and Aggravated Nature and Possession of a Weapon During the Commission of a Violent Crime. The jury reached its verdict Wednesday afternoon following the third day of trial. Cooper was represented by Grant Smaldone and faced a maximum sentence of twenty years on the assault charge. Following the verdict, Presiding Judge Thomas Cooper, sentenced Cooper to the maximum twenty years.

Prosecutors Stephanie Linder and Anna Outten presented the case against Cooper, recounting the details of the shooting. The jury learned that on March 20, 2019, the victim was walking down Orvin Street towards his home when Cooper and his co-defendant Ahmad Stevens started shooting at him. In all, they fired thirty-seven shots at the victim, striking him in the leg.

North Charleston Police Department (NCPD) utilized K9 Quido to assist in locating the suspects. K9 Quido tracked to a nearby residence, where the Defendant was located. NCPD executed a search warrant on the home and located multiple firearms, an extended magazine, and ammunition.

Prosecutors presented testimony from North Charleston Police Department Crime Scene Technicians about the number of fired cartridge cases found at the incident location. A firearms analyst from the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division testified that two firearms recovered from the residence fired all thirty-seven cartridge cases.

Cooper is also accused of being one of the shooters in the 2021 mass shooting in North Charleston, which took the life of fourteen-year-old Ronjanae Smith. Cooper is charged with Voluntary Manslaughter, twelve counts of Assault and Battery of a High and Aggravated Nature, and a weapons charge arising from that incident. He also has four drug distribution charges pending. Cooper remains innocent until proven guilty to his pending charges. Codefendant Stevens was murdered in Dorchester County in 2020.

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North Charleston Police Department located 37 fired cartridge cases on Orvin Street.



A search warrant led to the recovery of the two firearms used in the shooting. Also located at the house were 166 additional unfired rounds and an extended magazine.



