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# JUDGE SENTENCES MAN TO MAXIMUM SENTENCE AFTER GUILTY PLEA TO 2 COUNTS OF RECKLESS HOMICIDE

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*Charleston, S.C.*— Solicitor Scarlett A. Wilson announced that the Honorable R. Keith Kelly sentenced Darrius Laverne Frasier to the maximum penalty of ten years on two charges of Reckless Homicide, for causing the deaths of Allison Smith and Sacha Hampton, Jr. Judge Kelly ordered these sentences to run *consecutively*, giving the Defendant a total sentence of twenty years in the State Department of Corrections. The Defendant plead guilty in Charleston County court on Wednesday, October 28, 2026. Solicitor Wilson stated, "Judge Kelly recognized the extreme recklessness of this Defendant. While no sentence can return a loved one to their families, the State has great respect for the strong message that Judge Kelly delivered this week.

Prosecutors were prepared to present evidence at trial next week which would have shown that the Defendant was driving a Ford Fusion on Dorchester Road in North Charleston at 11:39 on the morning of March 2, 2023. His friend, Sacha Hampton, Jr., was unbuckled in the passenger seat of the car. The two men were in a verbal argument, which the Defendant attributed as the reason for his speeding. As the argument and the Defendant's speed escalated, the Defendant was forced to weave around other motorists. Ultimately, the Defendant blew through a red light and struck Allison Smith's vehicle as she was turning onto the Interstate with a green traffic arrow.

Allison Smith was pronounced deceased on scene and Sacha Hampton, Jr. was transported to the Medical University of South Carolina where he, too, was pronounced deceased. Along with North Charleston Traffic Unit's accident reconstruction investigation, the airbag control module, commonly referred to as "the black box," was seized and data related to the crash was uncovered. At 5 seconds prior to the Defendant causing the collision with Allison Smith's vehicle, the Defendant was traveling 95.2 mph in the posted 35 mph zone. The data further revealed that the Defendant never engaged his brakes until a mere one second prior to the collision. He was speeding at 83.3 mph at the time of impact. This evidence shows he was driving between fifty and sixty miles per hour over the posted speed limit. North Charleston continued their excellent investigation by obtaining surveillance from four intersections along the path of Defendant's travel, providing additional evidence as to the Defendant's extreme speed and swerving.

At the plea hearing on Wednesday, Assistant Solicitor Jordan Norvell requested the Court impose the maximum, consecutive sentence due to the defendant's extreme reckless conduct, as well as several incidents of verbal altercations that escalated which occurred while he was released on bond. His pattern of non-compliance with bond was presented to the Court at a prior revocation hearing in June, and the Defendant's bond was ultimately revoked.

Special Counsel Chad Simpson and Investigator Dustin Morris aided in the prosecution of this case, and the Defendant was represented by Attorney Drew Carroll. The State commends the thorough investigation of North Charleston Police Department's Traffic Unit and the numerous supporters of victims Allison Smith and Sacha Hampton, Jr., who continuously supported the prosecution throughout the pendency of this case.

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