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JUDGE SENTENCES KILLER COUPLE TO FIFTY-FIVE YEARS AND FIFTEEN YEARS IN HEINOUS ACT OF VIOLENCE

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Charleston, S.C.— Solicitor Scarlett A. Wilson announced that the Honorable William McMaster sentenced Jaimen Quavere Tisdale to incarceration for 55 years following his conviction for the murder and attempted armed robbery of 25-year-old Miqueas Lopez on July 13, 2023. The Defendant was convicted of Murder, Possession of a Weapon during the Commission of a Violent Crime, three counts of Attempted Armed Robbery, and two counts of Unlawful Conduct towards a Child by a Charleston County jury following 3 days of testimony.

Assistant Solicitors Cassity Brewer and Jordan Norvell presented the State's case which included testimony from North Charleston Police Department ("NCPD") Detectives David Pritchard, Parker Busch, and Danielle Cockrum. These detectives were able to locate the defendants within hours due to city surveillance footage captured from the incident location.

The Defendant and his co-defendant Mariah McAteer waited outside of a convenience store after seeing the victim and his 3 friends cash their paychecks. Tisdale and McAteer's two infant children were in the backseat of their vehicle during the crime. The Defendant followed them for over 10 minutes before seizing the opportunity to attempt to rob them. Video showed the Defendant jumping out the passenger side of his vehicle, pointing an assault rifle inside of the victim's vehicle and shooting as the victim attempted to drive away. MUSC Pathologist Dr. Erin Presnell testified that the victim was killed by a close-range gunshot wound to the head. The victim's brother and cousin were the other passengers in the vehicle and were the survivors of the attempted armed robbery.

Mariah McAteer pled guilty on December 1, 2025, to Accessory after the fact to Murder, three counts of Attempted Armed Robbery, and two counts of Unlawful Conduct towards a child. Judge McMaster sentenced McAteer to 15 years in the South Carolina Department of Corrections.

Assistant Solicitor Brewer said "this was a targeted act of depravity that resulted in the loss of an innocent life. We thank the North Charleston Police Department for a thorough investigation and Solicitor's Office Investigator Joshua Pierce for assisting with this prosecution."

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