

News Release

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Solicitor Wilson Announces Indictments against Dylann Roof

While it is extremely important to me that I am open and transparent with the public about the legal proceedings and the continuing investigation into this matter, as a lawyer and prosecutor, I am subject to special rules limiting my ability to make public comments about pending cases and defendants in criminal matters. For these reasons, my office cannot comment on the merits of the case. By law, defendants are presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

The indictments against this Defendant stem from the June 17 shooting at Mother Emanuel A.M.E. church here in Charleston. The Defendant originally was charged by state warrants with nine counts of Murder and one count of Possessing a Weapon During the Commission of a Violent Crime. We presented three additional Attempted Murder charges to the grand jury and the Defendant was subsequently indicted for those charges. These Attempted Murder charges are related to the victims who survived their attack at Mother Emanuel. Copies of all of the indictments will be available soon at <http://www.charlestoncounty.org/departments/clerk-of-court/roof.php> which is maintained by Charleston County Clerk Julie J. Armstrong.

We have been in constant contact with the Charleston Police Department, South Carolina Law Enforcement Division and the Department of Justice. We will continue to analyze and evaluate the evidence in this case, along with CPD, SLED and DOJ.

The Honorable J.C. Nicholson has been appointed to preside over the State's prosecution of this case. Judge Nicholson is an excellent jurist who will shepherd this case through the criminal justice process.

My office is committed to notifying the public and the media if/when future state court hearings are scheduled. To date, the Court has scheduled no court appearances. When/if we receive notices of such appearances, the public and media will be notified as to their time and place.

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