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Seventy-Three Year Old Hollywood Man Sentenced to 25 Years for Killing his Wife

Charleston, S.C. –Solicitor Scarlett A. Wilson announced that 73 year old defendant, David Greene, who pled guilty to voluntary manslaughter and weapons charges was sentenced by the Honorable Markley Dennis on Monday, February 13. Judge Dennis sentenced Greene to twenty-five (25) years on voluntary manslaughter and five (5) years on the possession of a weapon during the commission of a violent crime to run concurrent for a total sentence of twenty-five (25) years. Solicitor Wilson stated, “In effect, Judge Dennis sentenced the Defendant to life, which is an important message for domestic violence killers.”

The case was prosecuted by Charles Condon, Jr., and Culver Kidd of the Ninth Circuit Solicitor’s Office. Condon stated that “Judge Dennis’ sentence and our prosecution will send a message that domestic violence homicides will be taken seriously and punished accordingly.”

On Friday, October 23, 2015, while at their family home in Hollywood, South Carolina, the Victim Shirlee Green was sitting on her chair in her bedroom watching television and speaking to her sister on the phone about their Thanksgiving plans. The Defendant David Greene, Shirlee’s husband of 48 years, walked into her room and shot her twice with a Winchester 12 gauge pump shotgun.

Charleston County deputies arrived on scene and found the Defendant sitting on the front porch smoking, with his shotgun gripped in between his legs. He refused repeated commands to put the shotgun down and comply with the deputies. Eventually, a K-9 was deployed and the Defendant was distracted. Deputies were able to converge on the porch and arrest the Defendant.

The Defendant had no previous criminal history.

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