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Man gets 45 Years for Murder, Attempted Murders

Charleston, S.C. – Solicitor Scarlett Wilson announced that on February 20, 2014, a Charleston County jury found Torren Marquiz Eady (DOB 1/8/1992) guilty of Murder, three counts of Attempted Murder, and one count of Possession of a Firearm During the Commission of a Violent Crime. Circuit Judge J.C. Nicholson, Jr. sentenced Eady to 45 years in prison on the Murder, 10 years on each Attempted Murder and Five Years on the Firearm charge. Solicitor Wilson commented, "It's a familiar theme: Good results when we get cooperation from people who are strong and brave and who are willing and able to tell the jury all they know."

April 6, 2012, Eady and the mother of his son argued about the presence of Eady's new girlfriend while Eady was watching their child. The child's mother and her friends went to Eady's house on Leland Street to get the child. After they left, Eady drove downtown returning after an hour with his brother and another man who was carrying a long gun.

At about 10:00 p.m. Eady then went to 1904 Success Street where Adrian King, Gabrielle McCulley and Antione Foster were sitting on the porch. Eady approached, stopped 10 feet away and, after a short exchange, opened fire on the home. One bullet struck King in the head another passed through Brown's thigh and into the house. Two bullets travelled through a door and a wall into the home. King died in transport to MUSC.

Eady ran to his house and had his girlfriend drive him and his brother downtown. Eady remained in hiding for 10 days until NCPD's ILP unit apprehended him at his Aunt's house.

NCPD located an eyewitness as well as Eady's girlfriend who provided information implicating Eady in the crimes. At trial, those witnesses additionally provided the context and motive for the crime.

A large amount of credit is due the witnesses from the scene, according to prosecutors. "It took a lot of guts to stand firm in the identification of Eady at the time of the shooting all the way through the trial," said Timmy Finch, Assistant Solicitor and one of the prosecutors on the case. "While others refused to assist law enforcement out of fear, these witnesses took a stand. We could not have done it without them." Additionally, "The forensics provided corroboration to everything the witnesses said," noted Assistant Solicitor Greg Voigt who tried the case with Finch.