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Ron McCray sentenced to Life in prison for Murder

Moncks Corner, S.C. – Solicitor Scarlett A. Wilson announced that a Berkeley County jury convicted defendant Ron Santa McCray of shooting and killing Reginald Porcher in the Wando area of Berkeley County on September 16, 2009. The murder was committed with a sawed-off shotgun in front of multiple witnesses which included young children who had gotten off of a school bus at that location shortly before the shooting. Circuit Court Judge Kristi Lea Harrington sentenced McCray to the maximum sentence of Life in prison in the 2009 shooting death. Porcher was the brother of Robert Porcher III, a former all-pro NFL football player for the Detroit Lions.

The murder occurred at approximately 4:30 p.m. in the afternoon. Deputy Solicitor Bryan Alfaro stated that McCray held a grudge against the victim and had been looking for him for months. When McCray located Mr. Porcher, who was visiting with friends and family near Jack Primus Road, he approached the victim with the sawed-off shotgun. As Mr. Porcher attempted to get into his truck to escape, McCray shot him once in the back through the rear glass of the victim's truck. Several witnesses called 911 but Emergency Medical Technicians were not able to revive Mr. Porcher, who was dead at the scene.

The Defendant, who had been identified early in the investigation, was apprehended on James Island the next day and told police officers where the murder weapon was hidden. Several eye-witnesses as well as law-enforcement officers testified at the week-long trial. Physical evidence found during the investigation linked the defendant to the murder.

There was testimony at trial that after the victim was shot, he fell out of his truck and onto the ground. As the victim attempted to stand, the defendant kicked him in the head and yelled profanities at him before fleeing the scene. Alfaro said "this was a senseless act of violence, made even more egregious in that it took place in broad day light front of over a dozen innocent bystanders, including some very young children." The case was prosecuted by Deputy Solicitor Bryan Alfaro and Senior Assistant Solicitor Anne Williams. After the verdict was returned Robert Porcher brought the courtroom to tears when he spoke about the impact the murder of his younger brother has had on his family."Reggie will never fall in love, never get married and never experience the joy of fatherhood. He will never see his Godson play football or see his niece graduate from high school. We have been robbed of Reggie's future".

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