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Repeat Abuser Convicted of Domestic Violence in the Second Degree and Sentenced to 3 Years

June 12, 2019—Solicitor Scarlett A. Wilson announced that a Charleston County jury found Jerome Keith West, 30, guilty of Domestic Violence in the Second Degree from a 2017 assault. The jury returned its verdict Wednesday afternoon. The Defendant had been serving a probationary sentence for a 2015 conviction for Domestic Violence of a High and Aggravated Nature involving another victim. The Honorable Deadra L. Jefferson sentenced the Defendant to the maximum of 3 years for the Domestic Violence in the Second Degree. Judge Jefferson partially revoked his probation for the CDVHAN. He was ordered to serve 5 years of that sentence, followed by 5 years of probation. The Defendant had previous convictions for Burglary Second Degree, Giving False Information to Police, Resisting Arrest, Assault and Drug charges. Assistant Solicitors Hannah P. Marsh and Richard Waring prosecuted the case with the help of Investigator Sherry Niblock. Brendan Daniels represented the Defendant.

Testimony at trial revealed that in the early morning hours of June 17, 2017, Deputy Derek Conkey of the Charleston County Sheriff's Office responded to a call for a disturbance. He arrived at the residence where the Defendant and the victim were cohabitating. The Defendant was visibly angry and upset. Deputy Conkey advised the Defendant that he would transport him to another location for the evening. The Defendant gathered some of his belongings in preparation to leave for the night. He then approached the Victim and struck her in the left side of the face with his fist. He did so with such force that it knocked her to the ground. He then turned and walked towards Deputy Conkey's patrol vehicle and stated, "I'm ready to go to jail now." Deputy Conkey, another witness, and two minor children observed the blow.

Assistant Solicitor Marsh praised the victim for her bravery and strength. "While the dynamics of domestic violence can often be confusing, the jury saw through the defense's attempts to explain away this crime. We are grateful for the work done by Deputy Derek Conkey, and the entire Charleston County Sheriff's Office."

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