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Goss and Mack guilty of Armed Robbery, Kidnapping and Assault and Battery with Intent to Kill.

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A Charleston County jury has found Darrell Lee Goss (DOB 1/20/1986) and Joy Mack (DOB 5/19/1985) guilty of Armed Robbery, Kidnapping and Assault and Battery with Intent to Kill (ABWIK) for their role in the brutal armed robbery at the Urban Gear clothing store on Dorchester Road, in North Charleston, SC.

On June 14, 2007, five men entered Urban Gear, around 7:30 p.m. The men were armed with guns, including an AK-47. Goss and Mack took approximately \$1,000 that had just been emptied from the cash register; they also robbed the employees of their wallets as well items sold in the store. The two victims were also brutally beaten with the Ak-47 and a pistol, and they were also drug to the back of the store and hog-tied. Fortunately, the victims were able to free themselves and notify the police. They were transported to MUSC and treated for their injuries.

A Crime Scene investigation along with the help of an eye witness lead to the arrest of Darrell Goss on June 15, 2007. Joy Mack was arrested a month and half later. "I am

relieved that justice was served for the victims. This was one of the most brazen armed robberies that we've tried and NCPD's forensic work saved the day," said Assistant Solicitor Trip Lawton, who prosecuted the case.

Circuit Court Judge J.C. Nicholson, from Anderson sentenced Darrell Lee Goss to twenty years in prison, and Joy Mack received twenty-two years.

"The stakes were high in this case: Darrell Goss had recently been released on bond for another Armed Robbery and Kidnapping when he committed this heinous crime. We are grateful that North Charleston's Crime Scene Investigators were able to recover a bloody weapon used in the beating and to collect very fresh fingerprints that turned out to be Goss'. We were very concerned because our star witness evaded his subpoena and refused to cooperate with us out of genuine fear for his life. Thankfully, our jury kept focused on the evidence that did make it into the courtroom," said Solicitor Scarlett A. Wilson. She noted that the three other men involved in the Armed Robbery are unknown and remain at large at that this time.