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Clint Hamilton sentenced to 30 years

Charleston, S.C. – On Thursday, May 13, 2010, a Charleston County jury found Clint Hamilton (DOB 030/7/1972) guilty of Robbery, Armed Robbery, and two counts of Resisting Arrest. Upon conviction, Circuit Court Judge Deadra L. Jefferson sentenced Hamilton to a term of 15 years for the Armed Robbery, 10 years for the Robbery and one year on each count of Resisting Arrest.

Facts at trial showed that on February 29, 2008, Hamilton entered the AT&T wireless store on Maybank Highway in James Island under the pretext of buying a cell phone. After exiting the store, he returned a few minutes later, pulled out a red Swiss army knife and shoved the knife in an employee's face. Confining two employees in the bathroom, the defendant stole a laptop computer, cell phone and a wallet from the victims and Hamilton then opened the cash drawer of the business and removed \$82.00 dollars before exiting the store and being arrested, on location, by the police.

After the trial, the defendant agreed to plead guilty to an Armed Robbery and Grand Larceny that occurred on February 24, 2008 involving a Scotchman store on Maybank where defendant also stole the clerk's vehicle; and an additional Armed Robbery and Financial Transaction Card Theft that occurred in the early morning hours of February 29, 2008 at the Circle K Convenience store on Highway 7. He received a 15 year sentence on these two charges of Armed Robbery to run consecutive to his 15 year sentence on his Armed Robbery trial conviction and concurrent sentences of 10 years on the Grand Larceny and 5 years on the Financial Transaction Card Theft.

The defendant agreed to waive any and all appeals, Post-Conviction Relief (PCR) applications, federal habeas petitions, and any and all other methods of review of this guilty plea, sentence, and the trial convictions and sentences on cases.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant Solicitors Amy M. Harrell and Culver Kidd.

“I am pleased that the victims will have closure. Our community also benefits when violent criminals are held accountable for their acts,” said Amy Harrell.

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