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Man Convicted of Mt. Pleasant Armed Robbery

Charleston, S.C. – Solicitor Scarlett A. Wilson announced that on Thursday, January 16, a Charleston County jury found defendant Ricky Lamont Hayes guilty of two counts of Armed Robbery. Following the guilty verdict, Circuit Court Judge Roger Young sentenced Hayes to 30 years on both counts, to run concurrently, in the South Carolina Department of Corrections. Hayes had faced a range of 10 years to 30 years in prison on each count.

On May 7, 2013, Hayes and two accomplices robbed two pedestrians who were walking home from a bar on Coleman Blvd. near Moultrie Middle School in Mt. Pleasant. Hayes and his accomplices swiftly confronted the victims on the sidewalk and pointed a revolver at the victims, forcing them to empty their pockets of cell phones and wallets. The robbery was interrupted by a Mt. Pleasant police officer who witnessed the incident while patrolling the area on foot. When the officer announced his presence, Hayes and his accomplices ran away in the direction of the Old Village of Mt. Pleasant. Hayes was located on King St. in Mt. Pleasant minutes after the robbery. Hayes' accomplices were located nearby and one of them was in possession of a victim's wallet. The gun used in the incident was also recovered by police.

Hayes, 32, has numerous prior convictions, including Distribution of Crack Cocaine, Possession with Intent to Distribute Marijuana, and Unlawful Carrying of a Weapon.

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