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## **Domoneik Washington Sentenced to Twenty Years for James Island Shoot-Out at the Kangaroo**

**Charleston, S.C.** – Solicitor Scarlett A. Wilson announced that on Wednesday, July 17, 2013, a Charleston County jury found defendant, Domoneik Antwan Washington (DOB 5/28/1986) guilty of two counts of Attempted Murder and one count of Assault and Battery of a High and Aggravated Nature, resulting from a shooting which occurred at the Kangaroo convenience store located at 897 Folly Road in the early morning of March 30, 2011. Attempted Murder carries a maximum sentence of 30 years while Assault and Battery of a High and Aggravated Nature carries a maximum sentence of 20 years. Circuit Court Judge Deadra L. Jefferson sentenced Washington to twenty years on each count to be served concurrently.

The shooting occurred at approximately 2:45 a.m. at the Kangaroo convenience store and appeared to be the result of a fight which had occurred at a nearby nightclub earlier in the evening. At the Kangaroo, Domoneik Washington, armed with a semi-automatic pistol, discharged several rounds into a Chevrolet Impala occupied by Antwan Wilson, Ronald Bryant and Edward Wittrell. Antwan Wilson, the driver of the Impala, sustained a gunshot wound to the right thigh but was able to get the car started and drive away from the Kangaroo. While in route to the hospital to seek treatment for the gunshot wound, Wilson's car was chased by another vehicle which continued to shoot at the victim's car. In the area of Folly Road and Central Park Road, Antwan Wilson was struck in the back of the head with a bullet killing him and causing the car to crash into a pole. The Charleston County Sheriff's Office was never able to identify the occupants of or the vehicle from which the fatal round was fired and Washington was tried only for the shooting at the Kangaroo.

After the shooting at the Kangaroo, Washington fled to Danville, Virginia where he was apprehended by the U.S. Marshall's Fugitive Task Force on May 16, 2011 and returned to South Carolina. The case was prosecuted by Chief Deputy Solicitor, Bruce DuRant. The defendant will have to serve 85% of his sentence before being eligible for parole. Chief Deputy DuRant remarked, "This was a difficult case made even more difficult by the fact that one witness was dead, another refused to cooperate in any manner and a third witness was less than forth-coming. In the end, the clerk from the Kangaroo really stood strong and brought us the conviction. Without brave witnesses like her being willing to help us, we cannot keep criminals off the streets."

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