

News Release

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North Charleston Gang Member Sentenced to 25 Years.

Charleston, SC– October 15, 2015 Solicitor Scarlett A. Wilson announced that on October 13, 2015, Laquan Damon Bryan (DOB 12/10/1995) pled guilty to Attempted Murder and Possession of a Weapon during Commission of a Violent Crime. The defendant was affiliated with a local gang, according to the North Charleston Police Department. The Honorable Judge Jeff Young sentenced the defendant to 20 years on the Attempted Murder charge and 5 years on the gun charge to be run consecutive for a total of 25 years. Solicitor Wilson stated, “Judge Young gave a good sentence on facts that could easily have turned to murder. The cooperation of the victims in this case was critical and because of them, we were able to bring this case to trial.”

On March 11, 2014, North Charleston Police Department responded to the Dorchester Garden Apartments in reference to shots fired. The victim, a maintenance man, and his co-worker had been clearing out a vacant apartment when they heard a disturbance nearby. They approached the defendant and his friends who were causing the disturbance, and told them to leave the apartment complex property. The victim then attempted to get the license plate number of the suspects’ vehicle. The defendant, who was the front passenger, and his two friends jumped out of the vehicle. One began assaulting the victim, and the defendant approached the victim with a revolver and fired three shots at him. The victim’s co-worker knocked the defendant to the ground on the third shot. The defendant then pointed the gun at the co-worker before he dove into a ditch to avoid getting shot.

Assistant Solicitors Richard Waring and Jenna Newman, who prosecuted the case, stated “We were prepared to draw a jury this to bring Bryan to justice. With the help of the North Charleston Police Department, the people of North Charleston have one less gang member to fear.”

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