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Jury Convicts Daniel Hamrick of Felony DUI

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Solicitor Scarlett Wilson announced that a Charleston County jury has found Daniel Hamrick (DOB 12/20/1976) guilty of Felony Driving Under the Influence. The jury handed down its verdict Friday afternoon after the week-long trial. Judge Deadra Jefferson sentenced Mr. Hamrick to fifteen years in prison, the maximum allowed by law. Wilson stated, “Hamrick was a bartender who was responsible for stopping patrons from driving under the influence. More than most, he understood those dangers. We are grateful that Judge Jefferson sentenced him to the max.”

Assistant Solicitors Culver Kidd and Chad Simpson prosecuted the case. Kidd recounted that this occurred on November 14, 2011, when Daniel Hamrick had been drinking while working as manager of the Dog and Duck Restaurant and Bar at the Park West shopping center in Mt. Pleasant. At 3:24 A.M. Hamrick, while on his way home from work swerved into a construction zone striking Ahmed Garland, a Banks Construction worker. Mr. Garland flipped over the roof of Hamrick’s Jeep Commander and landed face down on the back of the paving machine in the right hand lane of U.S. 17 South. Mr. Garland suffered numerous facial and skull fractures in addition to a traumatic brain injury which has left him with very limited brain function. Mr. Garland is unable to walk, talk, or otherwise complete very basic human functions. Hamrick’s blood alcohol content was approximately twice the legal limit.

Assistant Solicitor Kidd stated, “There are no winners in a case like this, I can only hope that others will see the very real dangers of drinking and driving and understand the consequences of their actions before more innocent lives are ruined.”

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