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## ***SPARTANBURG MAN RECEIVES 30-YEAR PRISON SENTENCE FOR KILLING RELATIVE***

A Spartanburg man received a 30-year prison sentence today after he admitted to shooting his brother-in-law to death.

Walter C. Kelly, 37, pleaded guilty to voluntary manslaughter for the April 23, 2009 death of William Williams, 44, at the family's Cooksey Avenue home. Kelly shot Williams multiple times after the men argued about how to discipline a child. Williams died a short time later at Spartanburg Regional Medical Center.

Sheriff's deputies took Kelly into custody at the crime scene. The murder weapon, a 9 mm handgun, was recovered behind the house.

Kelly admitted to shooting Williams when he was questioned by the first police officers on the scene. He said the argument began moments after he finished disciplining a child in a nearby bedroom. Kelly interrupted the argument to retrieve the gun from the bedroom.

Deputy Solicitor Derrick Balsa prosecuted the case.

Kelly will serve 85 percent of Circuit Judge Roger Couch's prison sentence before he is eligible for release. His prior criminal record dated back nearly 20 years with convictions for assault on a female, communicating threats, felony probation violation along with multiple property and traffic offenses.

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