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## ***SPARTANBURG MAN RECEIVES 20-YEAR PRISON SENTENCE FOR SHOTGUN BLAST***

A Spartanburg man received a 20-year prison sentence today after he admitted to shooting an acquaintance.

Charles Edward Gory, 57, pleaded guilty to assault and battery with intent to kill. Gory shot Lafayette Taylor, 44, of Spartanburg, on Nov. 28, 2009 at a Union Street home. The victim was shot in the abdomen with a shotgun loaded with birdshot. Taylor was treated at a Spartanburg Regional Medical Center.

Taylor told sheriff's deputies he was peacefully sitting in front of his home while Gory approached and shot him for no apparent reason.

Taylor and the lead sheriff's investigator spoke to Judge Hayes during the guilty plea.

"It was senseless violence," Assistant Solicitor Zach Ellis said. "We are fortunate Mr. Taylor wasn't hurt any worse."

Gory's prior criminal record included a 1984 conviction for voluntary manslaughter where he received a 20-year prison sentence but he served about 12 years behind bars. Gory's 26-year criminal history includes convictions for criminal domestic violence, driving under the influence and petty larceny.

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