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SPARTANBURG MAN SENTENCED TO 25 YEARS FOR SHOOTING HIS BEST FRIEND

A Spartanburg man has been sentenced to twenty-five (25) years in prison for Voluntary Manslaughter, five (5) years in prison for Possession of a Weapon During Commission of a Violent Crime, and three (3) years in prison for Domestic Violence in the Second Degree. All sentences will be served concurrently.

Dylan Bryce Painter, 21, pleaded guilty on Tuesday in Spartanburg to Voluntary Manslaughter, Possession of a Weapon During Commission of a Violent Crime, and Domestic Violence in the Second Degree. Circuit Court Judge J. Derham Cole issued the sentence.

The crimes occurred on Zimmerman Road in Inman. Raegan Settle woke Dylan Painter for work at approximately 4:30 in the morning on Monday, June 14, 2021. Mr. Painter got into a fight with Ms. Settle and hit her in the presence of their eight month old child. Ms. Settle left the house with their child and called Mr. Painter's best friend, Mason Davis, to calm Mr. Painter. Mr. Davis arrived at the home and spoke with Ms. Settle outside the home before entering to speak with Mr. Painter. In the home, Mr. Painter got into an argument with Mr. Davis. Mr. Painter shot Mr. Davis three times in the back with a 12 gauge pump shotgun. Mr. Davis was pronounced deceased at the scene by EMS personnel. While Mr. Painter claimed self-defense, investigators with the Spartanburg County Sheriff's Office determined Mr. Painter's self-defense claim was not credible.

Solicitor Barry Barnette prosecuted Painter. Solicitor Barnette noted, "Dylan Painter's actions led to the tragic death of his best friend and have affected so many people that tried to help Painter throughout his life."

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