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## **GAFFNEY MAN SENTENCED TO 20 YEARS FOR ATTEMPTED MURDER**

Timmy Lee Douglas, 44, pleaded guilty on Monday in Gaffney to Attempted Murder and Possession of Weapon During Commission of a Violent Crime. He was sentenced to twenty (20) years in prison for Attempted Murder and five (5) years in prison for Possession of Weapon During Commission of a Violent Crime. Circuit Court Judge J. Mark Hayes, II issued the sentences which will run concurrently.

The crimes occurred on the night of August 18, 2021, in Cherokee County. Robert Christopher arrived at his girlfriend's home on Shady Grove Road at approximately 9:45 p.m. As Mr. Christopher exited his vehicle, he was approached by Timmy Lee Douglas. Mr. Douglas had been in a prior relationship with Mr. Christopher's girlfriend and he was lying in wait for Mr. Christopher to arrive at the residence. Mr. Douglas was armed with a handgun; he shot Mr. Christopher two times before fleeing on foot. Mr. Christopher suffered a gunshot wound to his abdomen and leg. Before Mr. Christopher was flown by helicopter to Spartanburg Regional Medical Center for emergency surgery, he was able to identify Mr. Douglas as the shooter. Officers with the Cherokee County Sheriff's Department interviewed Mr. Douglas, collected gunshot primer residue from Mr. Douglas' hands, and used cell phone evidence to place Mr. Douglas at the scene of the crime.

Douglas' prior criminal history included convictions for drugs, weapons, and domestic violence.

Deputy Solicitor Kim Leskanic prosecuted Douglas and noted "the thorough investigation by Detective Daniel Ward and the Cherokee County Sheriff's Department lead to the apprehension and successful conviction of Douglas."

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