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## **TAYLORS MAN SENTENCED TO 25 YEARS FOR VOLUNTARY MANSLAUGHTER**

From the Office of Seventh Circuit Solicitor Barry J. Barnette

A Taylors man has been sentenced to twenty-five (25) years in prison for Voluntary Manslaughter as well as five (5) years in prison for Possession of a Weapon During a Violent Crime to run concurrently.

Kevin Choice, 43, pleaded guilty on Tuesday, February 7, 2023, in Spartanburg to Voluntary Manslaughter and another charge of Possession of a Weapon During Commission of a Violent Crime. Circuit Court Judge Grace Gilchrist Knie issued the sentence.

The crimes occurred on Halloween, October 31, 2019, around 6:00 pm within the city limits of Greer. In the fall of 2019 Adam Vasquez agreed to hold Kevin Choice's belongings until Mr. Choice got back on his feet and obtained another residence. In the days leading up to the October 31, 2019 event, Mr. Choice became increasingly frustrated that he could not find Mr. Vasquez to obtain his belongings. On the day of the shooting, Mr. Choice inquired with multiple people about how to find Mr. Vasquez and made open threats to third parties about what would happen if his belongings were not returned. On the evening of October 31, Mr. Choice was in a vehicle that drove past the laundromat on Arlington Road in the City of Greer. Mr. Choice saw Mr. Vasquez's car at the laundromat. Mr. Choice hastily exited the vehicle and approached Mr. Vasquez's car. Mr. Choice shot Mr. Vasquez while he was in the car and again thereafter as Mr. Vasquez fled. Mr. Vasquez succumbed to his wounds at the scene and was not able to be revived by emergency medical personnel. The ensuing investigation was conducted by the Greer Police Department.

Assistant Solicitor Spenser Smith prosecuted Choice and commented that situations should never rise to this level of violence. "Mr. Vasquez's father lost his only son over practically nothing," Smith said.

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