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SPARTANBURG MAN SENTENCED TO 20 YEARS FOR ASSAULT & BATTERY OF A HIGH AND AGGRAVATED NATURE

From the Office of Seventh Circuit Solicitor Barry J. Barnette

A Spartanburg man has been sentenced to twenty (20) years in prison for Assault and Battery of a High and Aggravated Nature (ABHAN) as well as a concurrent five (5) years in prison for Possession of a Weapon During the Commission of a Violent Crime.

Roque Deleon, 25, pleaded guilty on Tuesday in Spartanburg to Assault and Battery of a High and Aggravated Nature and another charge of Possession of a Weapon During the Commission of a Violent Crime. Circuit Court Judge J. Mark Hayes, II issued the sentence.

The crimes occurred on November 23, 2021, on Old Woodruff Road in Spartanburg County after Cirilo Guerrero had a dispute with his landlord. Following the dispute, the landlord left abruptly and then returned to Mr. Guerrero's home with Roque Deleon. Mr. Deleon threatened Mr. Guerrero and thereafter shot him. Mr. Guerrero was transported to Spartanburg Regional Medical Center with a gun shot wound to his face; he ultimately lost his right eye due to the injury.

Mr. Guerrero was able to identify Mr. Deleon from a lineup as the person who shot him. The Spartanburg County Sheriff's Office executed a search warrant at Mr. Deleon's home where a .22 caliber pistol was recovered. SLED confirmed the pistol recovered from Mr. Deleon's home fired the shell casing found at the scene of the crime.

Assistant Solicitor Spenser Smith was responsible for the prosecution of Deleon and shared that this crime occurred over several hundred dollars and was a senseless act of violence. Deleon was on Home Detention at the time of his plea.

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