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## **SPARTANBURG SENTENCED TO 20 YEARS IN PRISON FOR AFTERNOON ARMED ROBBERY**

A Spartanburg man has been sentenced to twenty (20) years in prison for Armed Robbery.

Chardricus Rice, 19, pleaded guilty on Tuesday in Spartanburg to Armed Robbery. Circuit Court Judge J. Mark Hayes, II issued the sentence.

The crime occurred on September 10, 2020, in the City of Spartanburg. The victim of the Armed Robbery had recently befriended Chardricus Rice because Mr. Rice occasionally stayed with his grandmother nearby and both Mr. Rice and the victim shared an interest in weapons. Around two o'clock in the afternoon, Mr. Rice came to the victim's home to borrow some ammunition. Mr. Rice then left the victim's home only to return a few minutes later claiming he had dropped some money inside the home on his prior visit. As the victim opened the door to his home, Mr. Rice and two black males rushed into the home. One of the men pulled a gun on the victim and demanded to know where his firearms were. The victim attempted to escape but was pistol-whipped in the back of the head. The victim fell to the ground and observed Mr. Rice taking a bag of firearms as well as a bag of fishing equipment that belonged to the victim. The three men then left the victim's home. Through investigative efforts and the assistance of nearby witnesses, officers with the Spartanburg Police Department were able to track Mr. Rice's whereabouts. When Mr. Rice was arrested he had ammunition in his pocket that matched the caliber of one of the firearms stolen from the victim's home. None of the stolen firearms were recovered.

Assistant Solicitor Edward Hunter prosecuted Rice and noted, "the State is proud of the victim for his continued fortitude and for confronting Rice through his testimony at the plea hearing."

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