

SPARTANBURG COUNTY MAN RECEIVES 10-YEAR PRISON SENTENCE FOR ALCOHOL-RELATED WRECK

A Spartanburg County man received a 10-year prison sentence and 5 years of probation today after he admitted to causing an alcohol-related wreck that claimed the life of a friend.

Christopher Scott Shackelford, 20, pleaded guilty to felony driving under the influence with a death. Circuit Judge Mark Hayes issued a 20-year prison sentence that was suspended to 10 years of service, 5 years of probation, \$10,100 fine and \$4,000 of restitution.

The wreck occurred Sept. 29, 2005 on Country Club Road. Shackelford was driving a 1996 Pontiac Firebird northbound when the car ran off the left shoulder of the asphalt about 12:15 p.m. and overturned several times before it came to rest in some trees near Bagwell Farm Road. A passenger in the car, Kendall Stewart Hill, 25, of Spartanburg, died as a result of his injuries.

Shackelford's post-wreck blood alcohol test registered .14 and he had traces of marijuana in his system, according to Assistant Solicitor Zach Ellis.

Shackelford will serve 85 percent of the prison sentence before he is eligible for release.