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Spartanburg Man Receives 21-Year Prison Sentence for Fatal Shooting

A Spartanburg man received a 21-year prison sentence today after he admitted to fatally shooting someone in a nightclub parking lot.

Marcus L. Fernanders, 38, pleaded guilty to voluntary manslaughter and possession of a weapon during the commission of a violent crime. Fernanders shot Tyrone L. Brown, 36, of Spartanburg, to death about 1:55 a.m. on June 3, 2018 in the parking lot of Club No Limits on Hayne Street.

Video evidence and witness statements helped sheriff's deputies determine that Fernanders confronted Brown in the parking lot of the business. The men traded shoves before they separated with Brown walking toward the entrance of the club. Fernanders went in the opposite direction and returned moments later walking at a fast pace. Fernanders confronted the victim again armed with a pistol. Multiple gunshots were fired between the men. Brown ended up under a parked car while Fernanders walked away with a gunshot wound to his face. A gun was found near Brown.

Deputies found Fernanders at the hospital seeking medical treatment. His weapon wasn't recovered.

Witnesses said the dispute started after Brown sat on Fernanders' car.

Deputy Solicitor Derrick Balsa and Assistant Solicitor Tatyana Ustimchuk prosecuted the case.

Fernanders' prior criminal record included convictions for trafficking cocaine, distribution of cocaine, possession of marijuana, malicious injury to personal property and possession of a stolen pistol.

Circuit Judge Keith Kelly presided over the guilty plea.

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