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Union Man Pleads Guilty To Aggravated Assault And Battery

Columbia, S.C. – Attorney General Henry McMaster announced today that Nicholas Chad Robinson, 21, of 355 Mt. Tabor Road in Union, pleaded guilty on June 30, 2004 to one (1) count of Assault and Battery of a High and Aggravated Nature, a misdemeanor violation of the common law, punishable to ten (10) years imprisonment and a fine at the discretion of the court.

On or about March 21, 2004, Robinson, Matthew Gregory (who is a co-defendant with Robinson), the victim, and a number of young people were leaving a party at around 4:00 a.m. Around that time, the victim got into an altercation with Gregory. During the fight, Robinson approached the victim from behind and struck him in the back of the head with a hammer, knocking him unconscious. Robinson and Gregory then continued to beat the victim after he was unconscious.

The victim was transported to the hospital, where he received treatment for a broken hand, sutures for a laceration on his forehead, and a cat scan to determine any possible damage to his skull. He missed approximately one (1) month of work, and incurred medical costs and lost wages in the amount of approximately \$5,660.

Judge Lee S. Alford, presiding over the General Sessions Court of Union County, sentenced Robinson to five (5) years imprisonment, suspended to five (5) years probation. Robinson was further ordered to pay restitution of \$5,660, either jointly or severally with his co-defendant, Matthew Gregory. Robinson was also charged court fees and assessments in the amount of \$643.75.

This case was investigated by the Union County Sheriff's Department, and prosecuted by the Attorney General's Office. The case was referred to the Attorney General's Office because the victim was also a defendant in another criminal matter.

[Co-defendant Matthew Gregory has been arrested for the same charge, but not yet indicted. His case is being handled by the Sixteenth Circuit Solicitor's Office.]

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