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## **LIFE IN PRISON FOR KILLER OF 17-YEAR-OLD**

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*Charleston, S.C.*— Solicitor Scarlett A. Wilson announced that a Charleston County jury found Javeon Campbell (d.o.b. 6/25/03) guilty of the June 29, 2022 murder of 17-year-old Sharrod Phillips. Campbell was also found guilty of possession of a weapon during the commission of a violent crime. The jury returned their verdict Wednesday afternoon after three days of trial. The Honorable Benjamin H. Culbertson sentenced Campbell to the maximum penalty of life in prison. Solicitor Wilson stated, “I am grateful to Judge Culbertson maxing out this cold-blooded executioner.”

Special Counsel Stephanie Linder and Assistant Solicitor George Smit prosecuted this case for the Ninth Circuit Solicitor’s Office. Solicitor’s Investigator Dustin Morris assisted with the prosecution.

Testimony at trial revealed that on June 29, 2022, the Defendant entered the Cheapway gas station on Dorchester Road, walked up behind the victim who was standing at the check-out counter, and shot the victim three times in the back at close range. The jury watched the graphic store surveillance camera footage where the Defendant positioned himself immediately behind the victim and opened fire. The jury heard testimony from multiple witnesses who identified the Defendant as the shooter.

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