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REPEAT OFFENDER SENTENCED TO 6 YEARS FOR STEALING FROM RESTAURANT

Charleston, S.C. -- Solicitor Scarlett A. Wilson announced today that Charleston County jury found Kevin Lamar Scott guilty of Petit Larceny, a lesser included offense to the original charge of Strong Arm Robbery, following a one-day trial. Because of the Defendant's criminal history, the Honorable Thomas W. Cooper, Jr. sentenced the Defendant to serve six years in the State Department of Corrections. The Defendant's prior criminal history includes these convictions:

- o 2007 Resisting Arrest
 - Shoplifting
 - Breaking Into Vehicles
 - Possession of Marijuana
- o 2010 Reckless Driving
- o 2012 Burglary, 3rd Degree
- o 2013 Shoplifting
- o 2020 Receiving Stolen Goods
- o 2024 Shoplifting
- o 2026 Shoplifting

On February 23, 2025, the Defendant walked into Rania's in North Charleston while covering his face. He proceeded directly to the cash register, opened the register, grabbed over \$200 in cash, and fled the scene. Officers located the Defendant nearby and the Defendant subsequently fled on bike. He crossed Rivers Avenue into a bank parking lot, abandoned the bike, and jumped over a concrete wall. Officers apprehended the Defendant moments later. The Defendant was found with the cash from the restaurant.

This crime was captured by a surveillance camera. Witnesses at the restaurant testified that they believed the Defendant possessed a firearm and that they were in fear. No firearm was recovered.

Assistant Solicitor Dru Stuardi and Assistant Solicitor Andrew McAllister prosecuted the case for the State. The Defendant was sentenced under the State of South Carolina's "three-strikes" property crime enhancement due to his prior record. Stuardi said, "We appreciate the jury's verdict and the judge's sentence holding the Defendant accountable for both his prior and current actions."

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