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Ridgeland Man Sentenced in Attempted Murder Case *Given five years imprisonment*

(COLUMBIA, SC) Richard Kelvin Etheridge of Ridgeland, SC (D.O.B. 02/18/1964) was sentenced on February 19, 2014 by Circuit Court Judge Carmen Mullen in Jasper County General Sessions Court for Attempted Murder.

Etheridge pleaded guilty to the charge. The offense carries a punishment of up to 30 years in prison. Etheridge was sentenced to five (5) years imprisonment.

On October 19, 2012, Etheridge attacked the victim, Shawn Williams, with a beer bottle at a restaurant in Ridgeland, stabbing him in the abdomen. Etheridge attacked Williams after seeing Williams sitting beside his former girlfriend at the restaurant. The two men did not know each other. Williams spent a week in the hospital for treatment of his injuries.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant Deputy Attorney General Heather S. Weiss of the Attorney General's Office. It was investigated by the Ridgeland Police Department.

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