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## ***SPARTANBURG TEEN RECEIVES LIFE PRISON SENTENCE FOR MURDER***

A Spartanburg teen received a life prison sentence today after he was found guilty of shooting an acquaintance to death.

J'Corey Hull-Kilgore, 19, was found guilty of murder in the May 24, 2008 shooting death of Courtney Rogers, 19. Hull-Kilgore will serve every day of Circuit Judge Derham Cole's prison sentence. He is not eligible for parole.

"A young man died in a senseless act of violence," Deputy Solicitor Derrick Balsa said.

Spartanburg police found Courtney Rogers lying on the ground near the intersection of Amos and South Liberty streets. Rogers had visible wounds to his neck and back. Through their investigation, police learned the shooting occurred at an East Columbia Avenue home and Rogers fled the residence in the aftermath of the violence. Investigators developed Hull-Kilgore as a suspect during an extensive series of neighborhood interviews that occurred in the days following the murder.

James Hull-Kilgore, the defendant's 20-year-old brother, and Demetrius Reid, 22, still face charges in connection to the case.

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