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COLUMBIA, S.C. – SCDC inmate Zaquai Russhantre Shuler, 25, pleaded guilty today to assault and battery of a high and aggravated nature for assaulting an employee at Evans Correctional Institution in January 2024.

Shuler, who is serving a 10-year sentence for armed robbery, was sentenced to an additional 12 years in prison by Circuit Judge Kirk Griffin. This extends his sentence for about another decade.

Shuler punched an officer more than 35 times, threw him on the ground, kicked him and attempted to choke him after he fell to the floor. The officer was seriously injured but has now recovered.

The case was prosecuted by SCDC Special Assistant Attorney General Margaret Scott and was investigated by SCDC Special Agent Jarrett Greenway.