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COLUMBIA, S.C. – Three inmates pleaded guilty Thursday to charges related to their actions in the 2018 riot at Lee Correctional Institution.

- Teron Jackson, 33, who is now housed at Broad River CI, pleaded guilty to assault and battery by mob second degree. He was sentenced to 24 years in prison to run concurrently with his current 37-year sentence. He received 1,008 days of jail time credit.

Jackson's charges involve his part of the riot in housing unit F-1. He was accused of participating in the riot that led to the death of Cornelius Quantral McClary.

- Rico Hickman, 36, who is now housed at Perry CI, pleaded guilty to instigating or participating in a riot and criminal conspiracy. He was sentenced to four years in prison to run concurrently with his current 25-year sentence. He received 1,008 days of jail time credit.

Hickman's charges involve his part of the riot in housing unit F-1. He also was accused of participating in the riot that led to McClary's death.

- Montez Lavarrey Rutledge, 30, who is now housed at Broad River CI, pleaded guilty to possession of contraband. He was sentenced to nine years in prison to run concurrently with his current 33-year sentence. He received 1,008 days of jail time credit.

Rutledge's charges involve his part of the riot in housing unit F-1. The contraband refers to weapons he possessed during the incident.

Cases involving other inmates charged in the riot are expected to be scheduled soon.

SCDC thanks the S.C. Law Enforcement Division and the S.C. Attorney General's office for their assistance in investigating and prosecuting these cases.