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Man Pleads Guilty to Burglary in the First Degree

Thirteenth Circuit Solicitor Walt Wilkins states that Marvin Laron Helmuth Jr, 29, pled guilty on October 14, 2013, to Burglary in the First Degree. The Honorable Brian M. Gibbons sentenced Helmuth to fifteen (15) years in the South Carolina Department of Corrections. Evidence presented at the hearing by Assistant Solicitor Allen Fretwell established that Helmuth forcibly entered his grandparents' residence through a basement door on the morning of July 20, 2012. Once inside, Helmuth stole \$50 in church donations and some firearms. Helmuth's grandfather is the pastor of a local church. Fretwell informed the court that Helmuth previously had been convicted of multiple counts of burglary.

Since his charge carries a maximum sentence of twenty years or more, Helmuth will not be eligible for parole and will be required to serve at least eighty-five (85) percent of his sentence, according to Wilkins.