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**Pickens Man Sentenced on Burglary First Degree, Burglary 2nd Degree, Grand
Larceny and Escape**

Thirteenth Circuit Solicitor Walt Wilkins states that RICKY LEE SMITH, age 25, plead guilty on April 22, 2013 to two counts of Burglary First Degree, two counts of Burglary Second Degree, two counts of Grand Larceny and Escape and sentenced to 23 years in the South Carolina Department of Corrections by the Honorable Edward Miller. He was also ordered to pay restitution to the victims. RICKY LEE SMITH will have to serve at least 85 % of the 23 year sentence before he becomes eligible for parole

Evidence presented at the plea hearing by Assistant Solicitor Brandi Hinton established that between March 9, 2012 and May 31, 2012, RICKY LEE SMITH broke into 7 residences within Pickens County. On two occasions, the victims were home when the burglaries took place. The case was investigated by the Pickens County Sheriff's Office. On November 20, 2012, RICKY LEE SMITH escaped from the Pickens County Law Enforcement Center. He was eventually captured by the Pickens County Sheriff's Office on November 24, 2012.