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Greenville Man Sentenced on Burglary First Degree

Thirteenth Circuit Solicitor Walt Wilkins states that CHICK DAVAN HINTON, age 46, pled guilty on January 6, 2014 to Burglary- First Degree, and sentenced to **310 months** in the South Carolina Department of Corrections by the Honorable Edward Welmaker. CHICK DAVAN HINTON will have to serve at least **85 %** of the sentence before he becomes eligible for parole

Evidence presented at the plea hearing by Assistant Solicitor Kimberly Howard established that on September 1, 2012, around 5:30 am, CHICK DAVAN HINTON randomly chose a house to burglarize, smashing out a basement window of the house, and entering the house through the broken window. The lone resident of that house, a 65 year old widow, was inside asleep at the time of the burglary. She was jolted awake by the sound of the glass shattering and was able to call 911 for help. When police arrived, they found Hinton inside of the house, apprehended him, and arrested him immediately. When he was searched, he was found to be in possession of a knife. This incident happened in the Belmont Heights neighborhood in Greenville County.

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