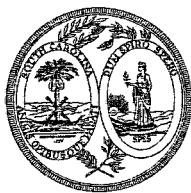


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Pickens Man Sentenced on Entering a Bank with Intent to Steal and Grand Larceny

Thirteenth Circuit Solicitor Walt Wilkins states that BRENT CHRISTOPHER MCLAURIN, age 69, was convicted on May 19, 2015 by a Pickens County jury of Entering a Bank with Intent to Steal and Grand Larceny, and sentenced to 30 years in the South Carolina Department of Corrections by the Honorable John C. Hayes, III. BRENT CHRISTOPHER MCLAURIN will have to serve at least 85 % of the 30 year sentence before he becomes eligible for parole.

Evidence presented at the trial by Assistant Solicitor Brandi Batson Hinton established that on January 14, 2014, BRENT CHRISTOPHER MCLAURIN entered the Suntrust Bank in Pickens and demanded two tellers give him money totaling over \$3900.00. A tip from a press release led the Pickens Police Department and the FBI to the Traveler's Inn in Greenville, SC where Mr. McLaurin was taken into custody. No money was ever recovered. The case was investigated by Assistant Chief of Police Travis Riggs and Detective Samuel Byers of the Pickens Police Department.