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Man Sentenced to 10 Years for Burglary and Assault

Thirteenth Circuit Solicitor Walt Wilkins states that Elias Sales-Sanchez, 32, pled guilty on April 11, 2017, to Burglary of a Building in the Second Degree, Assault and Battery in the First Degree and Possessing a Weapon During the Commission of a Violent Crime. The Honorable James R. Barber, III, sentenced Sales-Sanchez to ten (10) years in the South Carolina Department of Corrections.

Evidence presented at the hearing by Assistant Solicitor Allen Fretwell established, on January 26, 2016, that Sales-Sanchez unlawfully and without permission entered the victim's residence at 14 Loom Street in Greenville County by forcing open the front door and while armed with a knife. Once inside, Sales-Sanchez, raised his knife and threatened to kill his girlfriend, Marta Roldan-Gomez. Sales-Sanchez then knocked the victim to the floor and began hitting her about the head and body. When the victim's eight-year-old child attempted to intervene, Sales-Sanchez struck the child in the stomach, knocking her down, and continued beating the victim. The victim was eventually able to get away and call 911. Sales-Sanchez continued to threaten to kill the victim until he observed a patrol car outside.