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Defendant in Meth Distribution Ring Sentenced

Thirteenth Circuit Solicitor Walt Wilkins states that BRUCE DEWAYNE ORRICK, age 34, pled guilty to Trafficking in Methamphetamine on June 12, 2019 and was sentenced by the Honorable Edward Miller to a term of 12 years in the South Carolina Department of Corrections.

The State presented evidence that on February 13, 2018 deputies with Greenville County Sheriff's Office responded to the Days Inn on Roper Mountain Road for the purpose of detaining this defendant on an outstanding warrant for a federal probation violation. Deputies learned this defendant was inside the hotel. As deputies approached the hotel, this defendant exited one of the hotel rooms and was detained. In the defendant's pocket, deputies located over 42 grams of methamphetamine. An investigation by the Greenville County Sheriff's Office revealed that ORRICK was involved in a meth distribution network.

As the investigation continued, deputies with the Greenville County Sheriff's Office learned of potential involvement in the same meth distribution network by TOBY KHAN ARMSTRONG, age 43. On March 21, 2018, deputies with the Sheriff's Office arranged a controlled narcotics transaction with the assistance of a confidential informant. The cooperating informant contacted ARMSTRONG by telephone and set up a time and place to meet. When ARMSTRONG arrived at the pre-arranged location, deputies were waiting and placed ARMSTRONG under arrest. In his possession was a little over \$7,000 in cash. ARMSTRONG told police he came to the hotel with the intention of purchasing methamphetamine. ARMSTRONG pled guilty immediately before his trial was to begin and was sentenced by the Honorable Letitia Verdin to a term of to a term of 16 years in the South Carolina Department of Corrections.