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PICKENS DEFENDANTS SENTENCED FOR DRUG CONSPIRACY

Thirteenth Circuit Solicitor Walt Wilkins states that co-Defendants Michael Levant Mealor and Cynthia Mansell Greenfield were convicted on Friday December 20th, 2013, by a Pickens County Jury of trafficking in methamphetamine over twenty-eight grams. Mealor and Greenfield were each sentenced to nine years incarceration, while a third co-Defendant, Carol Denise Hayes, was convicted of conspiracy and sentenced to three years. The trial was heard by the Honorable Judge Robin Stilwell and lasted five days.

The case was prosecuted by Solicitor Walt Wilkins and assistant solicitor Sam Tooker. At trial, the State presented evidence that over the course of 2011, Defendants Mealor and Greenfield conspired with eighteen other individuals, including Defendant Hayes, to manufacture more than twenty-eight grams of methamphetamine. To prove its case, the State relied on the pseudoephedrine purchase records for the Defendants and their co-conspirators, as well as co-conspirator testimony, and expert testimony regarding the potential yield of methamphetamine from the precursor drug, pseudoephedrine.

Agent Tommy Blankenship and reserve deputy John Ross, with the Pickens County Sheriff's Office, investigated the case, which presented several novel issues to the court. The Court's rulings and jury verdict will better help law enforcement and prosecutors in the Thirteenth Circuit investigate and prosecute methamphetamine manufacturing in the future.