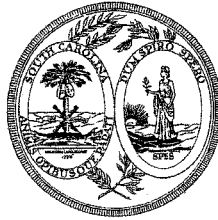


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**GREENVILLE MAN AND WOMAN SENTENCED ON MANUFACTURING
METHAMPHETAMINE**

Thirteenth Circuit Solicitor Walt Wilkins states that CHARLES J. HAMMONS, age 56 and DEBRA NEWLAND, age 54, were convicted at trial on October 12, 2011 for Manufacturing Methamphetamine, a violation of South Carolina Code § 44-53-0375. The Honorable Robin B. Stilwell sentenced CHARLES J. HAMMONS to 8 years in the South Carolina Department of Corrections. Judge Stilwell sentenced DEBRA NEWLAND to 6 years, suspended to 2 years in the South Carolina Department of Corrections followed by three years of probation.

Evidence presented at the plea hearing by Assistant Solicitor Perry DeLoach established that on June 23, 2010, deputies with the Greenville County Sheriff's Office Narcotics Division, executed a lawful search warrant at the home of CHARLES J. HAMMONS and DEBRA NEWLAND. The deputies found several items consistent with a clandestine methamphetamine laboratory at the residence located at 2346 N. Hwy, Greer, 29651 , including: blister packs, lithium battery strips, plastic tubing, hotplates, paint thinner and 192 pseudoephedrine tablets.