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Pickens Man Sentenced on Voluntary Manslaughter

Thirteenth Circuit Solicitor Walt Wilkins states that Richard Andrew Hagins, age 60, pled guilty on December 19, 2018, in Pickens County to voluntary manslaughter. The Honorable Letitia Verdin sentenced Hagins to 25 years in the South Carolina Department of Corrections.

Assistant Solicitor Shannon Odom presented evidence at the plea that on August 26th, 2016, the victim in the case, Jeff Chandler, and the defendant were in a verbal disagreement over \$190 in late rent payments. The defendant became enraged and physically assaulted the victim, stabbing him ten times. The fatal blow punctured the victim's heart and he passed away on scene.

The case was investigated by the Pickens County Sheriff's Office.