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Pickens Woman Sentenced on Trafficking Meth, Heroin, Gun Possession

Thirteenth Circuit Solicitor Walt Wilkins states that PAMELA SNAPP RICHARDS, age 59, pleaded guilty on May 23, 2019 to trafficking heroin, trafficking methamphetamine and possession of a weapon during the commission of a violent crime and sentenced to 10 years the South Carolina Department of Corrections by the Honorable Letitia Verdin. PAMELA SNAPP RICHARDS will have to serve 85% of her sentence before she is eligible for supervised release.

Evidence presented at the plea hearing by Assistant Solicitor Baker Cleveland established that On October 4th, 2018 Pickens County Sheriff's Office narcotics agents executed search and arrest warrants on Richards at Pamela Richard's Pickens County home. Prior to the warrants being issued they had conducted controlled buys of heroin from her at the residence. In her bedroom they located baggies, spoons, scales, a safe, over \$2,000 in cash, a ledger with monetary amounts, over 4g of heroin and over 28g of meth. Lab test confirm the weights and also revealed several baggies of the heroin was laced with fentanyl, ketamine, and cocaine. A stolen pistol was located in her nightstand, and she is prohibited from possession any firearm due to her previous conviction for trafficking marijuana.