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Easley Man Convicted of Trafficking Drugs

Thirteenth Circuit Solicitor Walt Wilkins states that BRAYLON LAMAR MORRIS, age 36, was convicted June 16, 2022 by a Pickens County jury of Trafficking Heroin, Trafficking Methamphetamine, Possession with Intent to Distribute Cocaine, Unlawful Possession of a Sawed Off Shotgun, and Possession of a Weapon during the Commission of a Violent Crime and was sentenced to 28 years in the South Carolina Department of Corrections by the Honorable Alex Kinlaw.

Evidence presented at the trial or by Assistant Solicitor Katryna Owens established that in late 2018 deputies with the Greenville County Sheriff's Office began a narcotics investigation that led them to an Easley residence. Narcotics investigators with the Pickens County Sheriff's Office conducted surveillance, and ultimately sought a search warrant for MORRIS' residence in Easley. On November 15, 2018 deputies with the Pickens County Sheriff's Office, Greenville County Sheriff's Office, and the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division arrived at MORRIS' residence to execute the search. When deputies entered the residence they found MORRIS armed with a shotgun. MORRIS was ultimately restrained and disarmed. During their search of the home, deputies recovered 14 firearms, including an unlawful sawed off shotgun. Deputies also recovered nearly 40g of heroin, more than 15g of methamphetamine, and nearly 14g of fentanyl. Other evidence in the home suggested MORRIS was packaging these drugs for sale as he was in possession of a vacuum sealer, plastic packaging, digital scales, and more than \$2000 in cash.

The jury deliberated just over an hour Thursday afternoon before rendering their guilty verdict.