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Greenville Man Sentenced to 25 Years for Selling Methamphetamine

Thirteenth Circuit Solicitor Walt Wilkins states that DAVID MITCHELL PADGETT, age 57, pled guilty on February 22, 2024, to Trafficking In Methamphetamine 100-200 grams and sentenced to 25 years in the South Carolina Department of Corrections by the Honorable R. Scott Sprouse.

Evidence presented at the plea hearing by Assistant Solicitor Grace B. Moroney established that on September 28, 2022, DAVID MITCHELL PADGETT agreed to sell four ounces of methamphetamine to an investigator with the Greenville County Multi-Jurisdictional Drug Enforcement Unit ("GCMDEU") who was acting in an undercover capacity. The undercover investigator traveled to meet Mr. Padgett at his residence in Greenville County where he sold 111.25 grams of methamphetamine to the undercover investigator. Subsequently, investigators with the GCMDEU obtained and executed a search warrant upon Mr. Padgett's residence and he was found to be in possession of over three pounds of methamphetamine. The case was investigated by GCMDEU Investigator Chris Montgomery and prosecuted by Assistant Solicitor Grace B. Moroney.

"Greenville County is safer today by bringing this drug dealer to justice and reducing the amount of poison he is sending into our communities. I hope a sentence of 25 years sends a clear message that Greenville County will not tolerate this criminal activity and there is a hefty price if that is something you are considering." – 13th Circuit Solicitor Walt Wilkins

"As Sheriff, I extend my gratitude to our dedicated investigators for their unwavering commitment to removing drugs from our streets and bringing yet another dealer to justice. I also commend the tireless efforts of the justice system and the invaluable collaboration of the 13th Circuit Solicitor's Office. Together, we send a powerful message: drugs will not be tolerated in our community, and we will continue to relentlessly pursue those who threaten the safety and well-being of our citizens."
- Sheriff Hobart Lewis