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Pickens Woman Convicted of Trafficking Methamphetamine

Thirteenth Circuit Solicitor Walt Wilkins states that MELANIE MCCLAIN, age 50, was found guilty on February 7, 2024 to Trafficking Methamphetamine 10-28 grams 3rd Offense. She was sentenced by the Honorable Perry Gravely to 25 years on the charge of Trafficking. MCCLAIN will serve her sentence in the South Carolina Department of Corrections.

Testimony and evidence at trial established that in the evening of October 20, 2021, MCCLAIN was the driver of a vehicle traveling on Hester Store Road in Pickens, South Carolina. Upon a traffic stop by the Pickens County Sheriff's Office, over 10 grams of methamphetamine was found in a book bag within the vehicle that also contained two occupants. MCCLAIN had previously been convicted of three drug offenses in the state of Georgia.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant Solicitor Jake Hofferth. The Defendant was represented by Deputy Public Defender Max Gravlee.