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PRESS RELEASE

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Greenville Man Sentenced on Manufacturing Methamphetamine (1st Offense); Possession with Intent to Distribute Methamphetamine (1st Offense); Possession of a Weapon During the Commission of a Violent Crime; Unlawful Manufacture of Methamphetamine in the Presence of a Minor Child x 2.

Thirteenth Circuit Solicitor Walt Wilkins' office stated today that JAMES MILTON BROWN, age 27, pled guilty on Monday, May 16, 2011 to Manufacturnig Methamphetamine (1st) Offense; Possession with Intent to Distribute Methamphetamine (1st Offense; Possession of a Weapon During the Commission of a Violent Crime; Unlawful Manufacture of Methamphetamine in the Presence of a Minor Child (2 counts). The Honorable C.Victor Pyle sentenced JAMES MILTON BROWN to 12 years in the South Carolina Department of Corrections.

Evidence presented at the plea hearing established that on February 26, 2010, the Greenville County Sheriff's narcotics agents assisted the Department of Social Services in a home inspection in Greenville County. The inspection was based on a minor child having been brought to Greenville Memorial Hospital with possible chemical burns. Upon arrival, agents noticed several items consistent with a meth lab. Kayla Lane Davis, co defendant and mother of the minor children frequently stayed in the home. Ms. Davis admitted that live-in boyfriend, JAMES MILTON BROWN, had been cooking methamphetamine in the home. Davis stated that she did not take part in cooking the meth, but admitted that the two minor children stayed with her at the residence after Brown had cooked meth in the home. Ms. Davis pled guilty to three Child Endangerment charges and two Unlawful Exposure of a Minor Child to Methamphetamine Manufacturing charges.

Assistant Solicitor Perry DeLoach and Assistant Solicitor Ryan Holloway prosecuted the case.