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Pickens Man Sentenced on Felony Driving Under The Influence, Great Bodily Injury

Thirteenth Circuit Solicitor Walt Wilkins states that ROBERT VERNON SWEATMAN, age 46, pled guilty on October 23, 2012 to one count of Felony Driving Under The Influence, Great Bodily Injury, and sentenced to two years in the South Carolina Department of Corrections followed by one year of house arrest by the Honorable D. Garrison Hill. Sweatman will have to serve at least 50 % of the two year sentence before he becomes eligible for parole

Evidence presented at the plea hearing by Assistant Solicitor Lisa Bentley established that on July 24, 2010, Sweatman failed to yield to oncoming traffic as he drove on SC 124 and crossed over SC 123. Mr. Sweatman collided with a vehicle driven by Carol O'Donald which caused her to suffer a broken nose and fractured hip. Mr. Sweatman smelled of alcohol at the scene and admitted to consuming alcoholic beverages. SLED toxicology analysis showed Sweatman's blood alcohol level at the time of the wreck was .149%.