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Greenville Man Sentenced on Trafficking In Crack Cocaine - 28 G Or More, But Less Than 100 G - 2nd Offense, and Manufacturing Crack Cocaine  $-2^{nd}$  offense

Thirteenth Circuit Solicitor Walt Wilkins states that DEFRANSCO DAMAINE JACKSON, age 31, pled guilty on August 14, 2012 to Trafficking In Crack Cocaine - 28 G Or More, But Less Than 100 G - 2nd Offense, and Manufacturing Crack Cocaine, 2<sup>nd</sup> offense, and was sentenced to twelve years in the South Carolina Department of Corrections by the Honorable Judge Victor Pyle. DEFRANSCO DAMAINE JACKSON will have to serve at least 85 % of the twelve year sentence before he becomes eligible for parole.

Evidence presented at the plea hearing by Assistant Solicitor Charles Bondurant established that on April 8, 2010, deputies with the Greenville County Sheriff's Office received information regarding recent drug activity at Mr. Jackson's residence on Marie Street. When officers approached the house to investigate, the defendant ran to the backyard and quickly attempted to discard a plastic bag containing thirty-three grams of crack cocaine. After obtaining a search warrant for the defendant's house, police discovered materials in his kitchen commonly used to manufacture crack cocaine.

The defendant has a prior Possession with Intent to Distribute Crack-Cocaine conviction from 2002.