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## Pickens Man Sentenced on Bank Robbery and Related Charges

Thirteenth Circuit Solicitor Walt Wilkins states that VINCENT MISSOURI, age 49, was convicted on 5/20/2014 by a Pickens County jury of Robbery / Entering Bank, Depository Or Bldg And Loan Association With Intent To Steal, Strong Arm Robbery, and Failure to Stop for a Blue light and sentenced to twenty years in the South Carolina Department of Corrections by the Honorable James Barber. VINCENT MISSOURI will have to serve at least 85% of the twenty year sentence before he becomes eligible for parole

Evidence presented at the trial by Assistant Solicitor Doug Richardson established that on June 18, 2012, VINCENT MISSOURI entered the Bank of America located at 334 E. Main Street in the City of Pickens, South Carolina. Mr. Missouri handed the teller a note instructing her to put money in a bag with no die pack. He then fled the scene with over \$1,750.00. Mr. Missouri was later seen driving a red Ford pickup truck by officers with the Pickens County Sheriff's Office. When the officers attempted to stop him by activating their blue lights and siren, Mr. Missouri fled in a high speed chase where he disregarded stop signs. He was eventually captured in the City of Easley while in possession of the money taken from Bank of America.