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Pickens Man Sentenced on Unlawful Neglect of a Child, Assault and Battery of a High and Aggravated Nature and Child Abuse with Great Bodily Injury

Thirteenth Circuit Solicitor Walt Wilkins states that MATTHEW STEVEN PILLON, age 25, was convicted on August 31, 2016 by a Pickens County jury of Unlawful Neglect of a Child, Assault and Battery of a High and Aggravated Nature and Child Abuse with Great Bodily Injury, and sentenced to fourteen years in the South Carolina Department of Corrections by the Honorable Robin Stilwell. MATTHEW STEVEN PILLON will have to serve at least 85 % of the fourteen year sentence before he becomes eligible for parole

Evidence presented at the trial by Assistant Solicitors Doug Richardson and Brandi Hinton established that between June 6, 2013 and June 7, 2013, MATTHEW STEVEN PILLON abused the victim, M.P., Jr., who was 10 days old at the time. Due to the severity of the injuries, the baby was admitted to Pediatric Intensive Care Unit at Greenville Hospital System where he was treated for bruising all over his body, scratches on his face and a puncture to his pharynx which required a feeding tube. The case was investigated by Lt. Jan Kelly and Capt. Marvin Nix of the Pickens County Sheriff's Office.