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**PRESS RELEASE**  
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**Piedmont Man Sentenced on Possession with Intent to Distribute Heroin**

Thirteenth Circuit Solicitor Walt Wilkins states that WILLIS RODRIGUS WEIR, age 34, was convicted on January 31, 2018, by a Greenville County jury of Possession with Intent to Distribute Heroin 2<sup>nd</sup> offense, and sentenced to 17 years in the South Carolina Department of Corrections by the Honorable Judge Letitia Verdin.

Evidence presented at the trial by Assistant Solicitor Ryan Holloway established that on December 1, 2015, WILLIS RODRIGUS WEIR brought 13.57 grams of heroin from Atlanta, Georgia, to a Greenville County Days Inn. The Defendant transported the heroin to Greenville for the purpose of selling it. A Sheriff's deputy was at the hotel on routine patrol as one the defendant's customers arrived at the defendant's hotel room. Several individuals, besides the Defendant, were inside the hotel room. Before the sale of the heroin could occur, the Sheriff's deputy came to the hotel room door to investigate possible drug activity. One of the occupants opened the door, and the Defendant fled the room and abandoned the heroin.