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**PRESS RELEASE**  
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**December 13, 2018**

**Greenville Man Sentenced on Trafficking in Methamphetamine and Trafficking in Heroin**

Thirteenth Circuit Solicitor Walt Wilkins states that FRED MARTIN BENNETT, age 31, pled guilty on December 12, 2018 to Trafficking in Methamphetamine and Trafficking in Heroin, and was sentenced to fifteen (15) years in the South Carolina Department of Corrections by the Honorable Letitia H. Verdin. FRED MARTIN BENNETT will have to serve at least 85% of the fifteen (15) year sentence before he becomes eligible for parole.

Evidence presented at the plea hearing by Assistant Solicitor Kimberly Boan Howard established that on or about October 26, 2016, FRED MARTIN BENNETT was investigated by the Vice & Narcotics Unit of the Greenville County Sheriff's Office for his involvement in the trafficking of methamphetamine and heroin. The Narcotics Unit used a confidential informant to buy approximately twenty-eight grams of methamphetamine and twenty-five grams of heroin from BENNETT. After BENNETT was arrested for selling the methamphetamine and heroin to the confidential informant, the Narcotics Unit continued their investigation into BENNETT'S involvement in the trafficking of these illegal drugs. The Narcotics Unit lawfully searched BENNETT'S residence on Sunset Drive in Greenville County, and as a result of this search, found BENNETT to be in possession of an additional 1400 grams of methamphetamine.