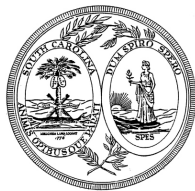


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Career Criminal Sentences to 22 Years for Trafficking Meth and Fentanyl

Thirteenth Circuit Solicitor Walt Wilkins states that on February 27, 2024, TONY TUJUAN SWEET, age 55, was sentenced to 22 years in the South Carolina Department of Corrections by the Honorable Perry H. Gravely for Trafficking In Methamphetamine 28-100 grams and Trafficking in Illegal Drugs (Fentanyl) 4-14 grams.

Evidence presented at the sentencing hearing by Assistant Solicitor Grace B. Moroney established that on October 12, 2020, TONY TUJUAN SWEET was observed as the driver and sole occupant of a white pick-up truck in Greenville County when he made an improper turn. Knowing Mr. Sweet to have a suspended driver's license, a Greenville County deputy attempted to initiate a traffic stop on Mr. Sweet. Before the deputy could even radio dispatch to inform them that she was stopping a vehicle, Mr. Sweet abruptly turned into a driveway, leaped from the car and fled on foot. Deputies gave chase and ultimately apprehended Mr. Sweet a short distance away. Deputies searched the vehicle and located a bag containing 237.21 grams of methamphetamine and 7.64 grams of fentanyl.

During the sentencing hearing, Assistant Solicitor Grace B. Moroney recited Mr. Sweet's extensive criminal history dating back to 1987 and noted that several members of the Greenville County Sheriff's Office and Greenville Police Department attended the hearing because of the negative impact Mr. Sweet has had on the Greenville community for several years. The case was investigated by Deputy Jamie Benoit and prosecuted by Assistant Solicitor Grace B. Moroney.