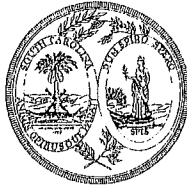


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**Greenville Man Sentenced on Conspiracy and Distribution of Cocaine Base, 3rd Or
Subsequent Offense**

Thirteenth Circuit Solicitor Walt Wilkins states that Michael Richardson, age 55, was convicted on January 18, 2017 by a Greenville County jury of Conspiracy and Distribution of Cocaine Base 3rd or Subsequent Offense. The Honorable Roger E. Henderson sentenced Michael Richardson to twenty (20) years in the South Carolina Department of Corrections.

Evidence presented during trial by Assistant Solicitor Walker Miller established that on December 11, 2015, Michael Richardson and Alrad Cobbs sold crack cocaine to an undercover Greenville County Sheriff's Office Deputy.