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Greenville Woman Sentenced on Shoplifting 3rd offense

Thirteenth Circuit Solicitor Walt Wilkins states that MONICA LASONDRA YAZID, age 23, pled guilty on the day of her scheduled trial to Shoplifting 3rd offense (Value over \$2,000) and was sentenced to 10 years in the South Carolina Department of Corrections by the Honorable Judge Charles Victor Pyle, Jr.. Monica Yazid had been placed on probation for Bank Fraud in November, 2011, and was under that order at the time she committed this offense.

Evidence presented at the plea hearing by Assistant Solicitor Jennifer Tessitore established that on January 27, 2012, Monica Yazid entered the Walmart with an unidentified male accomplice, and proceeded to take a large pair of boltcutters from the hardware section and a duffle bag from another shelf and proceeded to the electronics department. The male acted as a look-out as Monica Yazid smashed through a glass case to gain access to I-pads and computer tablets. The man grabbed several computers and stuffed them in the duffle bag and fled out through the garden center and fire exit as Monica Yazid continued to smash another glass case and grab several more I-pads. Employees chased after her as she also escaped out the garden area and fled in a vehicle. They stole a total of \$ 7,276 in Ipads and other computer tablets. Greenville County Sheriff's Office deputies responded as well as a Forensics officer. After watching surveillance video, the Forensic Officer was able to locate and lift fingerprints from two items that were used during the commission of the crime. This led to the identification of Monica Yazid. She was arrested on Feb. 28, 2012.