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**Greenville Man Pleads Guilty to Bank Robbery and Burglary**

Thirteenth Circuit Solicitor Walt Wilkins states that Douglas Blane Fleming, Jr., 39, pled guilty on January 7, 2016, to Bank Robbery and Burglary in the Second Degree, from two separate incidents. The Honorable Letitia Verdin sentenced Fleming to fifteen (15) years in the South Carolina Department of Corrections, suspended on the service of ten (10) years, active, and followed by three (3) years of probation with various conditions.

Evidence presented at the hearing by Assistant Solicitor Allen Fretwell established, on July 22, 2014, Fleming entered the First Citizen's Bank on North Pleasantburg Drive in Greenville and presented a note, on a deposit slip, indicating "this is a robbery" to one of the tellers. Fleming fled the bank with over \$1,000.00 in cash. Prior to the robbery, Fleming entered a nearby business and made a phone call, on recorded lines, arranging a ride and indicating his intentions to rob a bank. Fleming's palm print was recovered from the bank slip, and Fleming later confessed his involvement to detectives with the Greenville Police Department. Fleming also confessed to burglarizing a home, on July 17, 2014, at 1900 E. North Street by breaking out a section of the back door. Judge Verdin sentenced Fleming to a concurrent ten (10) year sentence on the burglary charge.

Since bank robbery carries a maximum sentence of twenty years or more, Fleming will not be eligible for parole and will be required to serve at least eighty-five (85) percent of his active sentence, according to Wilkins.