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Pickens Man Sentenced on two counts of Second Degree Burglary (violent), Two counts of Grand Larceny and Carbreaking

Thirteenth Circuit Solicitor Walt Wilkins states that WILLIAM JASON GRIFFITH, age 37, pled guilty on March 1, 2012 in Pickens County to two counts of Burglary 2nd Degree (violent), two counts of Grand Larceny \$2k-\$10k, and one count of Car Breaking. The Honorable Judge Letitia Verdin sentenced WILLIAM JASON GRIFFITH to 15 years suspended to 10 years followed by three years of probation with restitution. WILLIAM JASON GRIFFITH will have to serve at least one third of his 10 year sentence before he becomes eligible for parole.

Evidence presented at the plea hearing by Assistant Solicitor Jenny Barwick established that on August 27, 2010, WILLIAM JASON GRIFFITH and his co-defendant, Stanley Griffith, entered the first victim's residence by breaking out a window in the back door. While inside the residence, the defendants took a collection of knives and coins with a \$7,000 approximate value. Between August 1, 2011 and August 3, 2011, the defendant entered the second victim's barn without permission and, while inside; WILLIAM JASON GRIFFITH took numerous pieces of farming equipment, a tool box, a car jack, and several pieces of steel. On August 27, 2011, the defendant broke into the third victim's vehicle and, while inside; the defendant took cash, CDs, and a GPS. Later that same day, the defendant came back and took that victim's vehicle, which was valued at over \$2,000.

The defendant has 4 prior convictions for burglary, 5 prior convictions for larceny, and 2 prior convictions for car breaking. The Pickens County Sheriff's Office investigated the case.