

# *News Release*

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## **Arthur Lee Rivers convicted to 25 years for trafficking cocaine**

**Charleston, S.C.** – September 17, 2009, Arthur Lee Rivers (DOB 12/9/1974) was convicted by a Charleston County jury to Trafficking Cocaine, Possession of Cocaine Base (Crack) and Assault on a Police Officer while Resisting Arrest.

After five hours of deliberation the jury found that on August 16, 2008 Rivers was in possession of over \$3,000 worth of cocaine and crack cocaine on Johns Island off of River Rd. and assaulted a Deputy of the Charleston County Sheriff's Office ("CCSO") while attempting to avoid being placed in custody.

Rivers was facing twenty-five to thirty years for this drug crime, since his criminal record included two prior Possession with Intent to Distribute Cocaine charges. Circuit Court Judge Roger M. Young, Sr. sentenced Rivers to the South Carolina Department of Corrections for 25 Years and a fine of \$50,000.

Assistant Solicitors Rutledge DuRant and Culver Kidd prosecuted the three day trial against Rivers. "We hope this sentence acts as a deterrent to all those out there who participate in the trade of dangerous street drugs," said DuRant.

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