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Anthony Mack Franklin Sentenced to 15 Years for Trafficking Heroin

Charleston, S.C. –Solicitor Scarlett A. Wilson announced that the defendant, Anthony Mack Franklin, pled guilty to Trafficking Heroin, Possession with Intent to Distribute Cocaine Base, 3rd Offense, Possession of a Firearm during the Commission of a Violent Crime, Possession of a Firearm by a Person Convicted of a Violent Crime, Unlawful Carrying of a Firearm, and other charges from previous incidents. Circuit Court Judge Thomas Hughston sentenced the Defendant to 15 years on the Trafficking Heroin and PWID Cocaine Base, 3rd, charges to run concurrently.

The case was investigated by the Metro Major Case Unit, Narcotics Division, and the case agent was Detective Murray Fink of the Charleston County Sheriff's Office. The case was prosecuted by Assistant Solicitor Charles M. Condon, Jr., of the Ninth Circuit Solicitor's Office. Metro Narcotics Unit is involved in long-term undercover drug transactions that require extended and detailed investigations which generally result in the arrest of major traffickers and the confiscation of substantial quantities of contraband. The unit targets drug dealers who often pose immediate threats to the safety and welfare of individual neighborhoods. Many investigations lead into sophisticated financial and conspiracy investigations relating to narcotics trafficking. Sheriff Al Canon stated that "the successful conclusion of this particular case, and so many others before it, makes it very clear that the Charleston County Sheriff's Office continues to be and will always be committed to public safety, and removing these type of criminals from our community."

On November 6, 2014, a source provided the Metro Narcotics Unit with information that the Defendant Anthony Franklin would be delivering a large amount of heroin in the Applebee's parking lot on Sam Rittenberg Avenue in the West Ashley area of Charleston County. The source stated the Defendant had previously been in possession of over an ounce of heroin. Metro detectives set up surveillance in the Applebee's parking lot. The Defendant Anthony Franklin arrived in the described vehicle during the described time which corroborated the source's tip. A traffic stop was initiated on the Defendant. The Defendant attempted to flee but a detective's vehicle blocked him in the parking lot. On the dashboard of the vehicle detectives located a baggie containing 2.43 grams of cocaine base and a baggie containing 1.55 grams of heroin. Under the Defendant Franklin's seat was about an ounce of heroin, 27.91, grams along with a Glock 22 .40 caliber handgun with an inserted magazine.

The Defendant Anthony Franklin has previous convictions for trafficking in cocaine, assaulting a police officer while resisting arrest, possession of crack cocaine, possession of a stolen pistol, possession of marijuana, and possession with intent to distribute crack cocaine.