## News Release

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## North Charleston Drug Dealer Sentenced to Life Without the Possibility of Parole.

**Charleston, SC– March 18, 2015** Solicitor Scarlett A. Wilson announced that on March 18, 2015, a Charleston County jury convicted Elliot Judon, Jr. (DOB 06/21/1978) of Trafficking Cocaine Base, 10 - 28 g (3<sup>rd</sup> offense). Based on the defendant's extensive prior record, to include 23 convictions over the past 16 years, two of which were classified as "serious," the Solicitor's Office served the defendant with notice of their intent to seek a sentence of life without parole if he was found guilty by a jury. Solicitor Wilson stated, "Life really does mean life in this case. There is no parole for Mr. Judon. North Charleston Police gave us a case that put this career criminal away for good. In his last case with us, Judon escaped prosecution when a co-defendant took responsibility and claimed all the drugs."

In August of 2013, North Charleston Police Department stopped the defendant's vehicle for an equipment violation. A subsequent consent to search provided by the defendant resulted in Officers locating a digital scale and utility knife with cocaine base residue. The defendant was placed under arrest and Officers located an additional 10.1 grams of cocaine base concealed in the defendant's boxer briefs.

At the conclusion of the trial, Judge Kristi L. Harrington sentenced Judon to life without the possibility of parole. Judon's criminal history includes convictions for Possession of a Stolen Motor Vehicle, Resisting Arrest, Assault of a High and Aggravated Nature, multiple counts of Distribution of Cocaine Base, and Unlawful Possession of a Pistol.

Assistant Solicitors Lauren Mulkey and Culver Kidd, who prosecuted the case, stated "North Charleston Police Department officers did a good job testifying and now Mr. Judon has now been held accountable for his refusal to reform from a life of crime."

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