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## NORTH CHARLESTON DRUG DEALER CONVICTED OF DRUG CHARGES AND ASSAULTING OFFICER

Charleston, S.C.

Solicitor Scarlett A. Wilson announced that a Charleston County jury found Julius Quintez Manigault guilty of Assaulting a Police Officer While Resisting Arrest and Possession with Intent to Distribute Marijuana, Third Offense, on Friday afternoon. Due to past convictions for drug possession and possession with intent to distribute, Judge R. Lawton McIntosh sentenced Manigault to nine years on the assault charge and ten years suspended to five years of prison followed by five years of probation on the drug charge.

Testimony revealed that on the night of October 16, 2013, North Charleston K-9 Officer Greenawalt conducted a traffic stop on Manigault's vehicle for speeding and almost hitting a bicyclist. As Officer Greenawalt attempted to place Manigault under arrest for driving without a license, Manigault became combative, shoving the officer so hard that he slammed into the vehicle. He then continued to hit the officer several times and sliced the officer's hand by jerking his arm with the handcuffs still on one wrist. During a search incident to arrest and inventory of the vehicle, officers located a digital scale along with 13 individually packaged baggies of marijuana, 2 of which were concealed in Manigault's sock and 11 of which were in the vehicle.

Assistant Solicitors Kelley Young and Jenna Newman prosecuted the case on behalf of the Ninth Circuit Solicitor's Office. Cantrell Frayer of the Public Defender's Office represented Manigault.