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NORTH CHARLESTON MAN CONVICTED OF FIRST DEGREE BURGLARY

Charleston, S.C.

Solicitor Scarlett A. Wilson announces that a Charleston County jury found John H. Holmes, Jr. guilty of first degree burglary on Tuesday afternoon. Judge Roger E. Henderson sentenced Holmes to eighteen years.

On July 30, 2014, at 12:30am, a concerned citizen on Luella Avenue in North Charleston called 911 after hearing glass break and seeing someone enter the unoccupied residence. North Charleston Police Department responded to the crime scene in less than five minutes. As officers entered the house, they caught Holmes in the back bedroom.

Testimony revealed that Holmes admitted entering the house through the patio window and side door. Holmes told officers that he did not have permission to be inside of the house and did not know the owners. Nothing was taken from inside of the house because officers arrived so quickly. The owner was not at home at the time of the incident due to health issues.

Assistant Solicitor Lietzow stated, “We are glad North Charleston Police Department responded to the crime scene so quickly. Holmes’ criminal history is full of similar incidents involving theft. Hopefully the residents in this area can rest easier knowing this man is off the streets.”

Assistant Solicitors Chris Lietzow and Charles Condon prosecuted the case on behalf of the Ninth Circuit Solicitor’s Office. John Kozelski and Annie Andrews of the Ninth Circuit Public Defender’s office represented John Holmes, Jr.