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West Ashley Man Convicted After \$120,000 Worth of Drugs and Guns Found in His Home

Solicitor Scarlett Wilson announced that Therron Richardson (DOB 7/31/1969) was convicted on November 15, 2015, for drug and weapons charges stemming from a search warrant that was executed on his West Ashley home in October, 2010.

According to Assistant Solicitors Emmanuel Ferguson and Culver Kidd, on October 17, 2010, Emergency dispatchers received a 911 call from a woman who claimed her boyfriend had hit and choked her and needed police assistance as she hid in a room in the defendant's home. The call abruptly ended after the caller said, "He's trying to get in, he's trying to get in."

When officers responded the address, they noticed the doorknobs of the residence were replaced with dead-bolt style locks. Concerned that the caller was being held against her will, officers entered from a sliding glass door at the rear of the residence.

While conducting a protective sweep of the residence, the officers saw cocaine residue and a scale on the bathroom counter, as well as three handguns under the bed. While attempting to locate the caller, officers notified the Narcotics Unit of the Charleston County Sheriff's Office of the items they had seen.

The Narcotics Unit executed a search warrant on the defendant's West Ashley home and uncovered a total of five handguns, \$26,000 dollars in cash, and over \$120,000 worth of cocaine.

Assistant Solicitor Emmanuel Ferguson stated that, "The drug industry is a business that poisons the community," and told the jury to "shut this business down."

The Defendant had previous convictions for trafficking cocaine, distribution of crack near a school, aggravated assault and unlawful possession of a pistol. He was sentenced by Judge Stephanie McDonald to 30 years in prison on the cocaine trafficking charge with 5 years consecutive on the weapons offenses.

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