

News Release

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DRUG KINGPIN SENTENCED TO 20 YEARS

Solicitor Scarlett Wilson announced that Wayne Hollinshead of North Charleston entered a guilty plea on November 2, 2011, during his trial for Trafficking Cocaine and Trafficking Crack Cocaine.

According to Assistant Solicitors Culver Kidd and Burns Wetmore, Hollingshead was arrested on December 1, 2008 after delivering a half kilogram of cocaine to a confidential informant off Dorchester Road in North Charleston. Subsequent to his arrest a search warrant was executed on his residence which produced another half kilogram of cocaine, approximately 25 grams of crack cocaine and \$10,000 in cash.

Hollinshead's trial began on Monday afternoon, October 31, 2011. On Wednesday, Hollinshead, who was represented by Attorney Leon Stavrinakis, changed his plea to guilty during the presentation of the state's case. Judge Deadra Jefferson accepted his guilty plea and sentenced him to 20 years in the Department of Corrections. Hollinshead must serve at least 85 percent of the sentence before being eligible for release.

Assistant Solicitor Kidd stated, "Hollinshead was a major supplier of cocaine in our community. Thankfully, through the hard work of the North Charleston Police Department, SLED, and the Berkeley County Sheriff's Office, we were able to take a dealer off the streets and send a message to those involved in this sort of behavior that it will not be tolerated."

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