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## **BURGLAR SENTENCED TO MINIMUM SENTENCE OF FIFTEEN YEARS**

**Charleston, S.C.**

Solicitor Scarlett A. Wilson announced that a Charleston County jury found James Anthony Haynes, 30, previously of North Charleston, guilty of First Degree Burglary, Possession of a Firearm During Commission of a Violent Crime and Unlawful Carrying of a Handgun. The jury returned the verdict Wednesday afternoon after a two- day trial. Assistant Solicitors Mark Bourdon and Charles Condon Jr. prosecuted the case for the Ninth Circuit Solicitor's Office.

On May 26, 2015, at approximately 11:40 a.m. Haynes, wearing latex gloves and armed with a loaded .40 caliber pistol, broke into a home on Elderberry Circle in North Charleston. Once inside, he stole \$850 in cash and a number of rings. North Charleston Police officers quickly arrived on scene and apprehended him after a brief foot chase as he ran out of the front door of the house. All of the stolen property and the pistol were found on his person. Fortunately, the residents were not at home at the time of the break-in.

Judge Deadra Jefferson sentenced Haynes to 15 years for the Burglary, 5 years for the Possession of a Firearm During Commission of a Violent Crime and 1 year for Unlawful Carrying of a Handgun, all concurrent. He has been incarcerated since this arrest, and is not eligible for parole.

Haynes was on probation from a 2014 conviction for Second Degree Burglary when he committed these crimes. He also has prior convictions for Assault on Police While Resisting Arrest, Unlawful Carrying of a Handgun, Malicious Injury to Property, and False Information to Police.

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