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NORTH CHARLESTON DRUG DEALER SENTENCED TO 25 YEARS.

Charleston, S.C.

Solicitor Scarlett A. Wilson announced that a Charleston County jury found Charles Tramane Myers (DOB 04/01/1979) guilty of Trafficking in Cocaine (28-100 grams, Third Offense) and Possession with Intent to Distribute Marijuana First Offense on Wednesday afternoon. Due to past convictions for drug possession and trafficking, Judge Knox McMahon sentenced Myers to the mandatory minimum of 25 years on the trafficking charge and the maximum of 5 years on the marijuana charge. Myers' prior criminal history consists of Possession of a Stolen Vehicle, False Information to Police, Possession of Marijuana, Breaking and Entering a Motor Vehicle, Resisting Arrest, Possession of Cocaine and Crack Cocaine, Unlawful Carrying of a Firearm, and Trafficking Cocaine. Assistant Solicitors Lauren Mulkey and Lindsey Byrd prosecuted the case. Assistant Public Defender Ben Lewis defended Mr. Myers.

In pretrial hearings, North Charleston officers testified about the facts substantiating the search warrant. The officers stated that in July 2012 they received an anonymous tip that Myers, a known drug dealer, had moved his operation to the Waylyn area of North Charleston. Narcotics investigators began conducting surveillance on 2732 Saratoga Road, the address provided by the tipster. During a more than two-month-long investigation, Myers was seen coming and going from the residence at all times of day, often leaving to make street level narcotics deals.

On October 26, 2012, narcotics investigators with the North Charleston Police Department executed a search warrant at 2732 Saratoga Road. They immediately located Myers smoking marijuana inside the passenger seat of a vehicle parked in the driveway of the residence. Inside the vehicle and under Myers' seat, officers recovered a digital scale, marijuana, a marijuana grinder, and baggies – all indicating Myers was involved in drug dealing. Investigators also recovered 31.9 grams of cocaine and 170 grams of marijuana in a bedroom inside the residence. Although Myers admitted to police that the cocaine and marijuana was his, the Court ruled the confession inadmissible under South Carolina Supreme Court precedent so the jury did not hear that evidence.

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