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Career Criminal Dean Seagers Sentenced to Life Without Parole for Distribution of Crack Cocaine

Charleston, SC – July 12, 2015 Solicitor Scarlett A. Wilson announced that on July 9, 2015, a Charleston County jury convicted Dean Nelson Seagers (d/o/b/ 1980) of North Charleston of Distribution of Cocaine Base. Based on the defendant's extensive prior record, to include 13 convictions over the past 16 years, the Solicitor's Office served the defendant with notice of its intent to seek a sentence of life without parole if he was found guilty by a jury.

Starting in June of 2012, the narcotics detectives with the City of Charleston Police Department Special Investigations Unit began an in-depth narcotics investigation into Seagers. Detectives conducted numerous controlled buys from Seagers that ultimately led to a search warrant at a home on Ashton Street in downtown Charleston. This case presented a unique challenge to law enforcement due to actions undertaken by Seagers to conceal narcotics activity. Seagers utilized a cup with a string attached to lower drugs from a second story rear window.

Assistant Solicitors Whit Sowards and Lauren Mulkey prosecuted the case for the Solicitor's Office. "We are thankful for the persistence and dedication of the City of Charleston Police Department's narcotics unit in this case. Their hard work allowed us to hold this repeat offender accountable for his actions," they said.

At the conclusion of the trial, Judge Kristi L. Harrington was required to sentence Seagers to life without the possibility of parole. Seagers' criminal history includes multiple state- and federal-level drug convictions and a federal firearms conviction. Shortly after being released from federal custody, and while under federal supervision, Seagers was arrested on multiple trafficking and distribution charges.