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State Grand Jury Indicts 17 People in Methamphetamine Trafficking Operation

(COLUMBIA, S.C.) South Carolina Attorney General Alan Wilson announced the State Grand Jury has returned an indictment against seventeen (17) people in connection with an Upstate methamphetamine operation.

Donnis Ray Parker (DOB 2/16/1959) of Liberty, S.C. is charged with Conspiracy to Traffick Meth, 400g or More and Trafficking Meth 100g or more; **Timothy Dustin Ross** (DOB 12/9/1987) of Liberty, S.C., Conspiracy to Traffick Meth, 400g or More and Trafficking Meth 10-28 g, and Possession of a Firearm during Commission or Attempt to Commit a Violent Crime; **William Scott Evett** (DOB 11/9/1987) of Easley, S.C., Conspiracy to Traffick Meth, 400g or More, and Trafficking Meth 10-28g; **Joshua Brent James** (DOB 8/14/1977) of Easley, S.C., Conspiracy to Traffick Meth, 400g or More Dist. Meth x2; **Michelle Godfrey Chandler** (DOB 12/26/1964) of Liberty, S.C., Conspiracy to Traffick Meth, 400g or More, Trafficking Meth 10-28g, and Distribution of Meth; **William Joshua Lyday** (DOB 2/26/1985) of Easley, S.C., Conspiracy to Traffick Meth, 400g or More and Possession With Intent to Distribute Meth x2; **Christopher Daryl Taylor** (DOB 10/15/1983) of Inman, S.C., Poss. With Intent to Distribute Meth; **Jeremy Michael Pace** (DOB 5/5/1987) of Liberty, S.C., Conspiracy to Traffick Meth, 400g or More and Distribution Of Meth x3; **Timothy Michael Merck** (DOB 4/8/1985) of Liberty, S.C., Conspiracy to Traffick Meth, 400g or More, Trafficking Meth 10-28g, Distribution Of Meth, Possession With Intent to Distribute Meth, and Possession Meth x2; **Lance Daniel Brace** (DOB 11/11/1976) of Pickens, S.C., Conspiracy to Traffick Meth, 400g or More and Distribution Of Meth x2, Possession Of Meth, and Trafficking Meth 10-28g; **Robin Christina Prince** (DOB 4/21/1978) of Pickens, S.C., Possession Of Meth; **James Richard Gaddy, Junior** (DOB 2/11/1962) of Woodruff, S.C., Trafficking Meth 10-28g; **Jeremiah Brandon Holcombe** (DOB 1/8/1977) of Pickens, S.C., Conspiracy to Traffick Meth, 400g or More and Distribution Of Meth x2; **James Lewis Gill** (DOB 10/28/1983) of Pickens, S.C., Conspiracy to Traffick Meth, 400g or more and Distribution of Meth x5; **Megan Ann Keiper** (DOB 4/30/1991) of Pickens, S.C., Conspiracy to Traffick Meth, 400g or more; **Thomas Earl Morris, Junior** (DOB 5/11/1972) of Liberty, S.C., Conspiracy to Traffick Meth, 400g or more and Distribution of x3; and **Jennifer Christine Young** (DOB 10/17/1982) Seneca, S.C., Conspiracy to Traffick Meth, 400g or More and Possession Of Meth.

The indictment alleges that from 2011 to the present, the named individuals conspired to bring Methamphetamine into South Carolina and distribute it throughout the Upstate. Trafficking in Methamphetamine over 400 grams is punishable by 25-30 years in prison and a \$200,000 fine.

Agents from the Easley Police Department, Oconee Sheriff's Office, Pickens Sheriff's Office, South Carolina National Guard/ Counter Drug Unit, and the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) participated in the investigation.

The case will be prosecuted by Assistant Attorney General Joshua R. Underwood and Assistant Deputy Attorney General Heather S. Weiss.

Attorney General Wilson stressed all defendants are presumed innocent unless and until they are proven guilty in a court of law.

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