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SPARTANBURG MAN RECEIVES 20-YEAR PRISON SENTENCE FOR DRUG CONVICTIONS

A Spartanburg man received a 20-year prison sentence after he admitted to possessing large amounts of cocaine, crack cocaine and marijuana at his home.

Anthony Bernard Chapman, 37, pleaded guilty to trafficking crack, possession of cocaine with intent to distribute cocaine and manufacturing marijuana on Tuesday. Chapman will serve 80 percent of Circuit Judge Derham Cole's prison sentence before he is eligible for release.

Chapman sold 3.9 grams of marijuana to an undercover police informant during a transaction that occurred June 18, 2009 at the defendant's Mike Drive home. Sheriff's deputies recorded drug deal on audio and video.

Deputies arrested Chapman on Aug. 3, 2009 when they returned to the home to execute a search warrant. During their search of the residence, deputies discovered 31 marijuana plants growing indoors and in the back yard, 111 grams of crack cocaine, about 2 grams of cocaine and \$1,120 cash. A set of digital scales was also found inside the home.

Chapman's prior criminal record included convictions for failure to stop for a blue light, criminal domestic violence, discharging a weapon into occupied property, assault with a deadly weapon and possession of marijuana with intent to distribute.

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