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## **GAFFNEY MAN SENTENCED TO 18 YEARS FOR TRAFFICKING IN METH AMPHETAMINE**

From the Office of Seventh Circuit Solicitor Barry J. Barnette

A Gaffney man has been sentenced to eighteen (18) years in prison and a fifty thousand dollar (\$50,000) fine for Trafficking in Methamphetamine, 2<sup>nd</sup> offense.

Chad Everett Mathis, 33, pleaded guilty on Wednesday in Cherokee County to Trafficking in Methamphetamine, between 28-100 grams, second offense. Circuit Court Judge R. Keith Kelly issued the sentence.

The crime occurred on January 7, 2021, in Cherokee County. A confidential informant working with the Cherokee County Sheriff's Office was equipped with a video-recording device and met with Mr. Mathis to purchase methamphetamine. Footage from the informant's video-recording device shows Mr. Mathis using a spoon to shovel large amounts of drugs onto a digital scale. Mr. Mathis then distributed those drugs to the confidential informant in exchange for payment. The informant was equipped with \$1,000.00 in cash provided by narcotics officers. The serial number of every bill provided to the confidential informant was recorded by officers before being given to the confidential informant. When Mr. Mathis was arrested later the same day, a wad of cash was found in his pocket. Every dollar given to Mr. Mathis by the confidential informant was recovered as shown by the exact matches of the serial numbers on the bills the narcotics officers had provided to the informant.

Mathis' prior criminal history included convictions for Assault and Battery, Public Disorderly Conduct and Distribution of Crack Cocaine. Mathis also had two convictions for Distribution of Methamphetamine and one conviction for Distribution of Methamphetamine within a ½ Mile of a School.

Assistant Solicitor Evan Haney applauded the work of the Cherokee County Sheriff's Office Narcotics division. "Mathis pushed drugs into our community for the past ten years and now our community will get nearly two decades of relief from Mathis due to the work of law enforcement."

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