

## **NEWS RELEASE**

OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL HENRY MCMASTER
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

For Immediate Release September 29, 2004

Contact: Mark Plowden 803-734-3670 mplowden@ag.state.sc.us

## Winnsboro Domestic Violence Convictions Highlight AG's First Day In Court

**Columbia, S.C.** – Attorney General Henry McMaster has expanded his Criminal Domestic Violence Pro-Bono Program to the Winnsboro City Court in Fairfield County. The program's first day in court was Thursday, September 23, and produced two (2) guilty pleas.

**Lacarta A. Mann**, 23, of 417 W. Moultrie Street in Winnsboro, pleaded guilty on September 23, 2004 to one (1) count Criminal Domestic Violence, a misdemeanor violation of §16-25-20(B) of the Code of Laws, punishable to thirty (30) days imprisonment and a \$500 fine.

Mann and the female victim live together and have children. According to reports, the two were sitting in an automobile when an argument broke out. The victim got out of the car and began walking down the road. Mann told the victim to get back in the vehicle. When she did not, Mann grabbed the victim by the hair and dragged her back into the vehicle. The argument continued after the two arrived back at the home, and the victim called law enforcement.

Judge Susie Cameron, presiding over the Winnsboro City Court, sentenced Mann to thirty (30) days imprisonment suspended upon the successful completion of a court-approved anger management program. Mann has a prior conviction in general sessions court for Possession of Crack Cocaine.

This case was investigated by the Winnsboro City Police Department, and prosecuted by the Attorney General's Office.

**Kristina Renee Jones**, 18, of 100 Cemetery Street in Winnsboro, pleaded guilty on September 23, 2004 to one (1) count Criminal Domestic Violence, a misdemeanor violation of §16-25-20(B) of the Code of Laws, punishable to thirty (30) days imprisonment and a \$500 fine.

Jones and the male victim live together and were reportedly having an ongoing argument at the residence throughout the afternoon. According to reports, Jones threw hot grease on the victim after he left the refrigerator door open too long. The victim's hand was burned from the grease, and he called law enforcement.

Judge Susie Cameron, presiding over the Winnsboro City Court, sentenced Jones to thirty (30) days imprisonment suspended upon the successful completion of a court-approved anger management program.

This case was investigated by the Winnsboro City Police Department, and prosecuted by the Attorney General's Office.