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**PRESS RELEASE**  
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**March 19, 2019**

**Pickens Man Sentenced on Criminal Sexual Conduct with a Minor in the First Degree  
and Sexual Exploitation of a Minor in the First Degree**

Thirteenth Circuit Solicitor Walt Wilkins states that AARON BENJAMIN BEACH, age 32, was convicted on March 19, 2019 by a Pickens County jury of Criminal Sexual Conduct with a Minor in the First Degree and Sexual Exploitation of a Minor in the First Degree and **sentenced to life in prison plus a consecutive twenty years** in the South Carolina Department of Corrections by the Honorable Roger Couch. AARON BENJAMIN BEACH will not be eligible for parole.

Evidence presented at the trial by Assistant Solicitor Brandi Batson Hinton established that on July 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> of 2016, AARON BENJAMIN BEACH sexually assaulted his 4 year old son at their home in Easley, SC. Mr. Beach recorded his actions on video and also took photos depicting his son in a sexually explicit activity. Mr. Beach then sent those videos and photos to a woman in Virginia. She then contacted police. The case was investigated by Detective Brandon Liner of the Easley Police Department with the assistance of the Special Agent Chad Morris with the Virginia State Police. Solicitor Walt Wilkins stated “ this extensive sentence will send the message that child predators and their deviant actions will not be tolerated in our communities. We will continue to aggressively prosecute these cases and protect all children from this most selfish crime.”