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**GREENVILLE MAN SENTENCED TO AN EIGHT YEARS FOR
BREACH OF TRUST**

Thirteenth Circuit Solicitor Walt Wilkins states that GERALD BYRD was convicted of breach of trust at trial on August 9, 2011. The Honorable Judge Letitia Verdin sentenced GERALD BYRD to 8 years suspended to 2 years in the home incarceration program followed by 2 years of probation. As part of his sentence, GERALD BYRD must also provide the victims with a DVD of all wedding images, refund their \$2,450.00 paid for wedding photographs within 30 days, and provide the couple with their complete wedding photo album within 90 days. Evidence presented at trial by Assistant Solicitor Sylvia Harrison established that the victims were married in September, 2009 and hired Byrd Photography to take their wedding photographs. The couple paid GERALD BYRD \$2,450.00 for a photography package that included a wedding book and other wedding photographs. Despite making numerous calls and e-mails to GERALD BYRD, the wedding photographs were never delivered to the couple.