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**PRESS RELEASE**  
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**Pickens Man Sentenced on Criminal Sexual Conduct with a Minor in the Second Degree**

Thirteenth Circuit Solicitor Walt Wilkins states that Christopher Lee Meadows, age 34, was convicted on February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2014 by a Pickens County jury of criminal sexual conduct with a minor in the second degree. The case was tried in front of the Honorable James R. Barber, III. Judge Barber sentenced the Defendant to 16 years in the department of corrections. The Defendant will have to serve at least eighty-five percent of his sentence before he is eligible for parole.

The case was tried by Assistant Solicitor Sam Tooker of the Thirteenth Circuit Solicitor's Office and investigated by Assistant Chief Travis Riggs of the Pickens Police Department. Evidence presented at trial established that the Defendant cultivated and maintained a sexual relationship with the thirteen-year-old daughter of his girlfriend from December of 2010 until March of 2011. The abuse was brought to the attention of law enforcement when the Victim's younger sisters revealed the abuse to their mother and the police.