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Pickens Man Sentenced on Criminal Sexual Conduct with a Minor

Thirteenth Circuit Solicitor Walt Wilkins states that a Pickens County, SC jury convicted Jonathan Matthew Holder, age 33, of criminal sexual conduct with a minor in the second degree and criminal sexual conduct with a minor in the third degree on May 21. The Honorable John C. Hayes, III, sentenced the Defendant to ten years in the South Carolina Department of Corrections. The Defendant will have to serve at least 85% of his sentence before he is eligible for parole.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant Solicitor Sam Tooker with the 13th Circuit Solicitor's Office and investigated by Detective Samuel Byers of the Pickens Police Department. The facts presented at trial indicated that in May of 2012, the Defendant was working at Hampton PRTE, a facility for at-risk youths in Pickens County, while the Victim was a fifteen year-old patient of the facility. The Defendant had the child expose himself and eventually performed oral sex on the Victim. The investigation was aided by an expert witness in the field of child abuse dynamics and disclosure provided by the Julie Valentine Center.