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Greenville Man Sentenced On Two Counts Of Lewd Act On A Minor

Thirteenth Circuit Solicitor Walt Wilkins states that JUAN C BOBADILLA, age 42, was sentenced to 220 months in the South Carolina Department of Corrections on June 13, 2012, after pleading guilty to two counts of lewd act on a minor.

At the plea hearing, Assistant Solicitor Mark Moyer presented evidence to presiding Judge G. Edward Welmaker that the incident happened in August 2004 while the victims were aged 9 and 11. Mr. Bobadilla, who is the uncle of the victims, was visiting from New Jersey and spending several nights with the victims' family. Both girls were awakened in the middle of the night with their nightclothes pulled down and Mr. Bobadilla lying next to them fondling them. The girls kept the details of the incidents to themselves until June 2010 when they disclosed the abuse to their parents. They then provided statements to Greenville County Sheriff's Office Investigator Lorraine Henderson detailing Mr. Bobadilla's conduct and also revealing several other incidents of abuse by Mr. Bobadilla in New Jersey before they moved to Greenville. Mr. Bobadilla was arrested in New Jersey in January 2011 and extradited to Greenville for prosecution February 1, 2011.