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**PRESS RELEASE**  
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**Pickens Man Sentenced on Criminal Sexual Conduct with a Minor in the 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Degree, Lewd Act, and Criminal Sexual Conduct in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree**

Thirteenth Circuit Solicitor Walt Wilkins announced that on December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2012, after three days of trial, NORMAN KEITH BURGESS was convicted of Criminal Sexual Conduct with a Minor in the second degree, Lewd Act, and Criminal Sexual Conduct in the third degree. After the defendant was convicted, the Honorable G. Edward Welmaker sentenced him to thirty seven years and six months in the South Carolina Department of corrections.

Evidence presented at trial by assistant solicitor Sam Tooker showed that over a period of five years the defendant repeatedly assaulted a minor child in his custody. The victim and her extended family notified law enforcement after the victim reached the age of majority. The Pickens County Sheriff's office investigated the case.