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**PRESS RELEASE**  
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**Pickens Man Sentenced on Criminal Sexual Conduct with a Minor in the First and Third Degrees**

Thirteenth Circuit Solicitor Walt Wilkins states that Joseph Anthony Drachslin, Sr., age 77, was convicted on April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2014 by a Pickens County jury of criminal sexual conduct with a minor in the first degree and criminal sexual conduct with a minor in the third degree. The jury acquitted the Defendant of a second count of criminal sexual conduct with a minor in the third degree. The Honorable G. Edward Welmaker sentenced the Defendant to 25 years of incarceration. The Defendant will have to serve eighty-five percent of his sentence before he is eligible for parole.

The case was investigated by Detective Rita Burgess and Lt. Brian Bolding with the Pickens County Sheriff's Office and prosecuted by Assistant Solicitor Sam Tooker with the Pickens office of the Thirteenth Circuit Solicitor.