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## Greenville Man Sentenced for Sexual Assault on 14-Year-Old Boy

Thirteenth Circuit Solicitor Walt Wilkins states that WILLIE CRAWFORD, JR. age 57, pled guilty Oct. 7, 2013 on two charges: Criminal Sexual Conduct with Minor First Degree and Criminal Sexual Conduct with a Minor Second Degree. The Honorable Edward Miller sentenced CRAWFORD to 23 years in the South Carolina Department of Corrections. He will have to serve at least 85 % of the sentence before he becomes eligible for parole.

Evidence presented at the plea hearing by Assistant Solicitor Christy Kednocker Sustakovitch established that between August 2008 and June 2009, WILLIE CRAWFORD had anal intercourse with a 14-year-old boy on two separate occasions within Greenville County. The boy did not initially come forward to diclose the abuse but did tell his mother several years later. She then contacted police and an investigation into the assaults began. CRAWFORD had previously been convicted of Criminal Sexual Conduct in 1995 involving an adult victim.