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Travelers Rest Man Pleads Guilty to Assault with Intent to Commit Criminal Sexual Conduct in the First Degree, Kidnapping and Assault & Battery in the First Degree

Thirteenth Circuit Solicitor Walt Wilkins states that Christopher McCall, 27, pled guilty on July 10, 2013, to Assault with Intent to Commit Criminal Sexual Conduct in the First Degree, Kidnapping and Assault & Battery in the First Degree. The Honorable Letitia Verdin sentenced McCall to fifteen (15) years in the South Carolina Department of Corrections.

Evidence presented at the hearing by Assistant Solicitor Allen Fretwell established that McCall was working as the front desk attendant at the Hampton Inn on Roe Center Court in Travelers Rest on May 28, 2012, when the victim checked in. Shortly after the victim entered her room, she heard a key being inserted into the door lock to her room. She then heard a knock at the door and looked through the peephole to see the clerk, McCall, and another man, Christopher Debusk, that she had seen behind the front desk with McCall when she checked in. The victim opened the door, and McCall told her they needed to do a "maintenance check" on her room. She let both men in, but she remained in the hallway and held the door open while the two went inside the room. She noticed the two men acting strangely, and eventually McCall lunged forward, grabbed the victim around her body and tried to pull her into the room. The victim broke free from McCall's grasp and ran screaming down the hall.

Other guests of the hotel contacted 911. Sgt. Bill Farina of the Travelers Rest Police Department responded and was later informed that McCall had been brought back to the hotel by his pastor after he had fled the area following the attack. Sgt. Farina then spoke to McCall who advised that he was addicted to pornography. McCall told Sgt. Farina that he went to the victim's room with the intent of acting out his fantasies. McCall's pastor reported to police that McCall had told him about his attempt to rape a woman at the hotel.

Since two of McCall's charges carry a maximum sentence of twenty years or more, McCall will not be eligible for parole and will be required to serve at least eighty-five (85) percent of his sentence, according to Wilkins.