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**Greenville Man Sentenced on Lewd Act with a Minor**

Thirteenth Circuit Solicitor Walt Wilkins' office stated today that CHRISTOPHER RICHARD BRUCE, age 37, pled guilty to Lewd Act on a Minor and was sentenced by the Honorable Letitia Verdin to 15 years in the South Carolina Department of Corrections. CHRISTOPHER RICHARD BRUCE will have to serve at least one third of his 15 year sentence before becoming eligible for parole.

Evidence presented at the plea hearing established that between April 1, 2009, and April 18, 2010, CHRISTOPHER RICHARD BRUCE did sexually molest a 5 year old female. These incidents occurred at his home in Simpsonville, SC. The child was able to relay concrete and detailed accounts of the numerous sexual acts the defendant committed on the child while she was between 4 and 5 years of age.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant Solicitor Kris B. Hodge.