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Greenville Man Sentenced to 20 years on charge of Criminal Sexual Conduct With Minor – Second Degree

Thirteenth Circuit Solicitor Walt Wilkins states that JEFFREY DOYLE GILLILAND, age 41, plead guilty on Monday, September 12, 2011 and was sentenced by the Honorable Edward Welmaker to the charge of <u>Criminal Sexual Conduct With Minor - Victim Under 16 Yrs Of Age - Second Degree</u>, a violation of South Carolina Code § 16-03-0655(C). Judge Welmaker sentenced GILLILAND to 20 years in the South Carolina Department of Corrections, and GILLILAND must serve at least 85% of the 20 year sentence before becoming eligible for parole

Evidence presented at the plea hearing by Assistant Solicitor Christy Kednocker Sustakovitch established that between October 1, 2007 and February 16, 2008, Gilliland had sexual intercourse with a girl under the age of 16. The abuse occurred at two locations within Greenville County, and ended on July 22, 2008 when the victim confronted the Defendant in an effort to end the abuse. The Defendant responded by threatening to commit suicide, resulting in a standoff with law enforcement in a remote area of Anderson County. The Anderson County SWAT Team negotiated with the Defendant and he was ultimately taken into custody.