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Pickens Man Convicted and Sentenced on Sex Crimes

Thirteenth Circuit Solicitor Walt Wilkins states that GARY CLIFFTON HAMILTON, age 56, was convicted on July 30, 2014 by a Pickens County jury of Criminal Sexual Conduct With Minor - Victim Under 11 Yrs Of Age - First Degree and Lewd Act on a Minor, and sentenced to 32 years in the South Carolina Department of Corrections by the Honorable G. Edward Welmaker. GARY CLIFFTON HAMILTON will have to serve at least 85 % of the 32 year sentence before he becomes eligible for parole

Evidence presented at trial by Assistant Solicitor Brandi Batson Hinton and Assistant Solicitor Courtney Landsverk established that between August 1, 2011 and August 31, 2011, GARY CLIFFTON HAMILTON sexually assaulted the 3 year old victim at a church parking lot in Pickens County. The case was investigated by Investigator J. Michael Collins and Investigator Michele Hendrix of the Anderson County Sheriff's Office and Chief Khristy Justice of the Central Police Department. Both the Anderson County Sheriff's Office and the Central Police Department were able to secure written confessions from GARY CLIFFTON HAMILTON.