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Greenville Man Sentenced on Criminal Sexual Conduct with a Minor Charges

Thirteenth Circuit Solicitor Walt Wilkins states that SHANNON EARL GARLAND, age 46, was convicted on November 15, 2018, by a Greenville County jury of Criminal Sexual Conduct With A Minor—First Degree, Criminal Sexual Conduct with a Minor—Third Degree, and Exposure of Private Parts in a Lewd and Lascivious Manner. The Defendant was sentenced to 28 years in the South Carolina Department of Corrections by the Honorable Robin B. Stillwell. SHANNON EARL GARLAND is not parole eligible.

Evidence presented in trial by Assistant Solicitors Alexa Kluska and Kris Hodge established that between 2014 and 2016, SHANNON EARL GARLAND sexually abused the victim when she was nine and ten years old. The defendant had access to the child for two years while he was in a relationship with her mother. These events occurred in Simpsonville, SC. This case was investigated by Investigator Michael Robertson of the Greenville County Sheriff's Office.

At the end of the trial, Solicitor Wilkins stated "This result would not be possible without the hard work and dedication of our specialized Crimes Against Children prosecutors and investigators with the Greenville County Sheriff's Office. We are hopeful this verdict and the lengthy prison sentence will bring some measure of justice to all involved."