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## **PRESS RELEASE**For Immediate Release

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## Pickens Man Sentenced on Criminal Sexual Conduct with a Minor, 2nd Degree

Thirteenth Circuit Solicitor Walt Wilkins states that FREDRICK HARRISON TOWE, age 49, was convicted on December 18, 2018 by a Pickens County jury of Criminal Sexual Conduct, Second Degree with a Minor and Incest, and sentenced to 10 years in the South Carolina Department of Corrections by the Honorable Edward G. Miller . FREDRICK HARRISON TOWE will have to serve at least 85% of the 10 year sentence before he becomes eligible for parole

Evidence presented at the plea hearing by Assistant Solicitor Megan Moricle Owen established that between September 1, 2000 and July 31, 2002 FREDRICK HARRISON TOWE sexually assaulted his stepdaughter who was between the ages of 15-17 at the time on multiple occasions at their home in Pickens County. The case was investigated by M. Skipper Wallace by the State Law Enforcement Division.