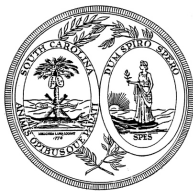


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Greenville Man Sentenced on Five Counts of Criminal Sexual Conduct with a Minor in the First Degree, Four Counts of Criminal Sexual Conduct with a Minor in the Third Degree, and Disseminating Obscene Materials to a Minor

Thirteenth Circuit Solicitor Walt Wilkins states that JAMES BROWN, age 49, was convicted on February 2, 2024 by a Greenville County jury of five counts of Criminal Sexual Conduct with a Minor in the First Degree, four counts of Criminal Sexual Conduct with a Minor in the Third Degree, and Disseminating Obscene Materials to a Minor. The Honorable Perry Gravely sentenced the defendant to 33 years in the South Carolina Department of Corrections.

Evidence presented at the trial by Assistant Solicitors Seth Johnson and Britni McCall established that between August 15, 2014 and July 21, 2019, JAMES BROWN sexually assaulted a young girl from Greenville County beginning when she was 9 years old. When the abuse began, the defendant was a neighbor of the victim and a registered sex offender due to a prior conviction for sexually abusing a child in 2008. The case was investigated by Sergeant Cheri Lyda with the Greenville County Sheriff's Office and the Julie Valentine Center provided additional assistance in their forensic interview of the child.