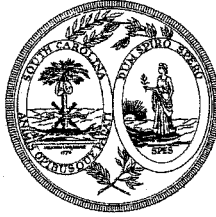


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Greenville Man Sentenced on Lewd Act with a Minor

Thirteenth Circuit Solicitor Walt Wilkins states that WILFREDO SALAS, age 32, pled guilty on August 8, 2011 to Lewd Act on a Minor, a violation of South Carolina Code § 16-15-140. The Honorable Letitia Verdin sentenced WILFREDO SALAS to the maximum penalty of 15 years in the South Carolina Department of Corrections. Upon his release, WILFREDO SALAS will be required to register on the National Sex Offender Registry and to have GPS monitoring for the rest of his life.

Evidence presented at the plea by Assistant Solicitor Kris Hodge established that between June 1, 2009 and March 17, 2010, WILFREDO SALAS sexually abused a 5 year old child that was in his care. The child initially reported to a family member that the abuse occurred at the Defendant's residence in Greenville County. Upon being examined by a pediatrician, the child reported that WILFREDO SALAS was sexually abusing her. The Department of Social Services and the Greenville County Sheriff's office were notified of the abuse allegation and subsequently investigated. Investigator Tammy Patton with the Department of Social Services and Investigator Lorraine Henderson with the Greenville County Sheriff's Office were the lead investigators in this case.