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**Pickens Man Sentenced on Criminal Sexual Conduct With Minor First Degree,
Kidnapping and Infliction of Great Bodily Injury upon a Child**

Thirteenth Circuit Solicitor Walt Wilkins states that JERRY EDWARD DUDLEY, age 44, was convicted on April 22, 2015 by a Pickens County jury of Criminal Sexual Conduct With Minor First Degree, Victim Under 11 Yrs Of Age, and sentenced to life in prison in the South Carolina Department of Corrections by the Honorable Judge Verdin. JERRY DUDLEY was also convicted of Kidnapping for which he received 30 years in prison and convicted of Infliction of Great Bodily Injury upon a Child for which he received 20 years in prison. JERRY EDWARD DUDLEY will not be eligible for parole. He must serve his entire life in prison.

Evidence presented at the trial by Assistant Solicitor Doug Richardson and Deputy Solicitor Betty Strom established that on December 28, 2012, JERRY EDWARD DUDLEY took the 4 year old victim to the woods and violently raped her and beat her about her face. The assault against the victim was so extreme that the victim had to undergo surgery. Evidence at sentencing revealed that the defendant was on electronic monitoring at the time of the crime for violation of failure to register as a sex offender, in addition to the fact that he had a prior conviction for a sexual offense out of Florida. The crime was investigated by the Pickens County Sheriff's Office.
