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## Pickens Man Convicted of Sex Crimes

Thirteenth Circuit Solicitor Walt Wilkins states that DAMON TYLER BROWN, age 28, was convicted on November 28, 2012 by a Pickens County jury of one count of Criminal Sexual Conduct with a Minor in the First Degree, three counts of Sexual Exploitation of a Minor in the First Degree, and three counts of Lewd Act on a Minor. The Honorable G. Edward Welmaker sentenced the Defendant to 359 months (approximately 30 years) in the South Carolina Department of Corrections.

Evidence presented at trial by Assistant Solicitors Brandi Batson Hinton and Jenny Lynn Barwick established that between September 2003 and December 2006, Brown molested an eight year-old male, a ten year-old male, and a ten year-old female. In 2009 the ten year old told the school resourse officer which led to the disclosre of the other two victims and the arrest of the defendant.

The case was investigated by Keith Culbreath, a retired detective with the Pickens County Sheriff's Office.