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**PRESS RELEASE**  
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**Pelzer Man Sentenced on Criminal Sexual Conduct with a Minor Charges**

Thirteenth Circuit Solicitor Walt Wilkins states that DWAYNE C. TALLENT, age 47, was convicted on July 19, 2017, by a Greenville County jury of Criminal Sexual Conduct with a Minor 1<sup>st</sup> degree, Criminal Sexual Conduct with a Minor 2<sup>nd</sup> degree, Lewd Act on a Minor, and Contributing to the Delinquency of a Minor. He was sentenced to 30 years in the South Carolina Department of Corrections by the Honorable Robin B. Stilwell. DWAYNE C TALLENT will have to serve at least 85% of the sentence before he becomes eligible for parole.

Evidence presented at the trial by Assistant Solicitor Mark Moyer established that Dwayne Tallent sexually molested his daughter-in-law between the years 1991 and 2001 while the victim was between 5 and 14 years of age. In addition, evidence was presented that Dwayne Tallent supplied his minor children with marijuana, openly used cocaine and methamphetamines around his children, and taught his sons how to make crack cocaine in the family home.