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**Pickens Man Sentenced on
Criminal Sexual Conduct with a Minor, First Degree, and
Criminal Sexual Conduct with a Minor, Second Degree.**

Thirteenth Circuit Solicitor Walt Wilkins states that JOSEPH CAMPBELL WILLIAMS, II, age 45, was found guilty on September 1st, 2017, in Pickens County on one charge of Criminal Sexual Conduct with a Minor, First Degree and on one charge of Criminal Sexual Conduct with a Minor, Second Degree. He was sentenced by the Honorable Perry Gravely to 30 years in the South Carolina Department of Corrections on the charge of Criminal Sexual Conduct with a Minor, First Degree. He was sentenced to a consecutive ten years on the Criminal Sexual Conduct with a Minor, Second Degree charge that will begin when his first sentence is complete. He will have to serve eighty-five percent of his sentences before he is eligible for parole. Both crimes are classified as most serious and violent.

Evidence presented at the trial by Assistant Solicitor Shannon Odom established that between the years of 2003 and 2009, the defendant repeatedly forced a child under the age of eleven to engage in sexual acts with him. The abuse continued until the child was age thirteen. The victim was ultimately able to come forward and report the abuse, though years later.