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Berkeley County Jury Finds Man Guilty of Multiple Counts of Criminal Sexual Conduct with a Minor

Moncks Corner, S.C. – Solicitor Scarlett A. Wilson announced that on January 30, 2025, Defendant James Edward Boley, II was found guilty by a Berkeley County Jury of three counts of Criminal Sexual Conduct with a Minor in the Second Degree and one count of Criminal Sexual Conduct with a Minor in the Third Degree. The Honorable Deadra L. Jefferson sentenced the Defendant to 16 years in prison on each of the Criminal Sexual Conduct with a Minor in the Second Degree charges. He was also sentenced to 13 years for the Criminal Sexual Conduct with a Minor in the Third Degree charge. The sentences will run concurrently. Solicitor Wilson commented that this resolution would not be possible without the committed investigation of the Berkeley County Sheriff's Office during the initial COVID-related shutdowns and their assistance during preparation for the trial of this case.

At trial, the State presented digital evidence showing inappropriate messages from the Defendant, along with testimony from law enforcement, medical professionals, and family members of the victim. The Defendant's family testified for the State as well. An expert on Child Sexual Abuse Dynamics testified about the factors involved in delayed disclosures, grooming young victims, and victims' responses to the trauma of child sexual abuse.

Assistant Solicitor Kamila Szymczynska-Sas said that without the victim's bravery, this Defendant would not have been held accountable for the continued sexual assaults. The victim was only six years old when the abuse by the Defendant started, but the family did not move to Berkeley County until the victim was twelve years old. The abuse continued to escalate until the victim was thirteen and courageously told family members what had been happening.

The now 57-year-old Defendant will be subject to the Sexually Violent Predator Act, and if released on parole he will be subject to the Sex Offender Registry and GPS monitoring.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant Solicitors Kamila Szymczynska-Sas and Marie Lerch of the Special Victims Unit.