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Local man found guilty of Kidnapping and Criminal Sexual Conduct

Moncks Corner, S.C. – It took a Berkeley County jury just two hours of deliberation to find William F. Williams (DOB 12/15/1965) guilty of Kidnapping and Criminal Sexual Conduct (“CSC”) 1st Degree. Circuit Court Judge Kristi Lea Harrington, who presided over the three day trial, sentenced Williams to eight years in prison on each conviction Wednesday morning. The sentences will run concurrent.

On September 7th, 2008, the victim, a mother of five, visited her brother-in-law Williams to drop off some bolts for his refrigerator. Williams raped her and held her captive in his trailer on College Park Rd., in Ladson S.C. She suffered multiple injuries from the attack.

The defendant’s sons were key witnesses for the state, explained Berkeley County Assistant Solicitor Anne Williams. The victim spoke with one of the sons following the attack and hysterically told him about her ordeal. The defendant later told both sons, as well as the police, that he never touched the victim and had no sexual contact with her. However, South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (“SLED”) lab test results revealed an exact match of the defendant’s DNA with semen found during a medical examination of the victim.

“We are pleased with the guilty verdicts and glad that the victim’s voice was finally heard,” said Assistant Solicitor Anne Williams.

The defendant’s criminal record included a 1994 Breaking and Entering from Florida, a 1994 Driving Under the Influence (“DUI”) conviction from Pennsylvania, and a 2003 Criminal Domestic Violence (“CDV”) conviction from Colleton County.

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