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## **Charleston County Jury Convicts Antonio D. Patterson of Criminal Sexual Conduct in the First Degree. Patterson then pleads to a separate Criminal Sexual Conduct in the Third Degree.**

**Charleston, S.C.** – A Charleston County jury found Antonio D. Patterson, (DOB 02/20/1970 ) guilty of Criminal Sexual Conduct in the First Degree regarding a 2006 sexual assault. The jury found the defendant not guilty of the accompanying Possession of a Weapon during a Crime of Violence charge. Upon the conviction, Patterson entered a guilty plea to an additional charge of Criminal Sexual Conduct in the Third Degree regarding a subsequent sexual assault that occurred in 2008 involving a different victim.

Managing Assistant Solicitor, Jennifer Kneece Shealy, said that she was admired the courage of both victims in contacting the police. “These victims stood strong in prosecuting Mr. Patterson.”

Ninth Circuit Solicitor Scarlett A. Wilson stated “The cooperation of sexual assault victims is critical in getting predators like Patterson off the street. The victims in these two cases were quite brave—not only in coming forward with the information against the predator but also in their willingness to testify in court.”

The charges against Antonio Patterson in the 2006 assault arose when the victim fled the scene of the rape and used the phone of a neighbor to call 911. The charges regarding the 2008 assault arose when the victim dialed 911 while still in the residence with Patterson, and the police arrived while Patterson was still present. Patterson was on bond for the first rape when he committed the second.

During the trial of the 2006 assault, the victim took the stand and described to the jury the sexual assault. With both assaults, Patterson lured the women to his house. The Honorable Deadra Jefferson sentenced Mr. Patterson to a concurrent twelve years in prison.

Patterson’s criminal record consist of an Indecent Exposure conviction on 08/16/1995.

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