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## Berkeley County Man Found Guilty of Criminal Sexual Conduct with a Minor Third Degree

Moncks Corner, S.C. – Solicitor Scarlett A. Wilson announced that a Berkeley County Jury found Charles Eugene Dykes guilty of Criminal Sexual Conduct with a Minor Third Degree. Judge Jennifer B. McCoy sentenced Dykes to 10 years suspended to 18 months in prison followed by five years of probation. Solicitor Wilson stated, "People would be surprised at how often child victims do not have the support of their parents. Thankfully, that was not the situation here. The victim and her parents showed amazing strength and resolve and are the main reasons we were successful. I applaud the assistant solicitors who were committed to justice in this case."

The now-teen victim testified at trial along with her parents, a former Summerville Police Officer, and an expert witness. Assistant Solicitor, Kamila Szymczynska-Sas praised the victim and her entire family for her patience throughout the pendency of this case and their courage as they took the stand. Szymczynska-Sas stated, "I applaud the bravery of this young woman who had to re-live that horrible day on the stand this week." The then eleven-year-old victim was sexually molested by the Defendant in 2018. She immediately disclosed to her parents in who made a report to law enforcement resulting in the Summerville Police Department investigation and subsequent arrest.

The Defendant will be on GPS Monitor and Sex Offender Registry. Case was prosecuted by Assistant Solicitors Kamila Szymczynska-Sas and Rachel Janowski.