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SPARTANBURG MAN SENTENCED TO 25 YEARS FOR CRIMINAL SEXUAL CONDUCT WITH MINOR

A Spartanburg man has been sentenced to twenty-five (25) years in prison for two (2) counts of Criminal Sexual Conduct with a Minor in the Second Degree and one (1) count of Incest.

Cody Hudson, 35, was tried and found guilty of two (2) counts of Criminal Sexual Conduct with a Minor in the Second Degree and one (1) count of Incest. He was found not guilty on other charges. Hudson was prosecuted by Assistant Solicitors Wendy Hallford and Spenser Smith with the Seventh Circuit Solicitor's Office. The trial began on Monday in Spartanburg. The Honorable R. Keith Kelly presided over the trial, received the jury's verdict, and then issued the sentence on Friday, July 21, 2023.

Hudson was sentenced to twenty (20) years in prison for one (1) count of Criminal Sexual Conduct with a Minor in the Second Degree as well as five (5) years for a second count of Criminal Sexual Conduct with a Minor in the Second Degree. The five (5) year sentence will be served consecutively to the twenty (20) year sentence. Hudson was also sentenced to one (1) year in prison for Incest, to be served concurrently with his other sentences. He must serve 85% of his twenty-five year sentence before he is eligible for release. Hudson will be added to the Sex Offender Registry.

Cody Hudson repeatedly sexually assaulted a minor victim from February 2017 to March 2019 in Mayo, South Carolina. The minor victim disclosed the sexual abuse after her mother discovered an email exchange between the minor and Hudson that caused the mother concern.

Assistant Solicitors Wendy Hallford and Spenser Smith agree that "Spartanburg is a better place due to the work of the justice system and all involved in this case." Hallford commended the joint effort by the Spartanburg County Sheriff's Office and the Children's Advocacy Center in this case and noted she is "incredibly proud of the minor victim for facing her abuser in court."

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