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## *News Release*

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### **Charleston County Jury Convicts Registered Sex Offender, Thomas Henry Brown Jr., of Criminal Solicitation of a Minor**

**Charleston, S.C.** – Solicitor Scarlett A. Wilson announced on June 1, 2022, a Charleston County jury found Thomas Henry Brown Jr. (7-29-78) guilty of Criminal Solicitation of a Minor. The defendant faced a maximum of 10 years, and Circuit Judge William H. Seals Jr. sentenced the defendant 8 years in prison.

The victim, an 11-year-old female at the time, testified in court that while visiting the Isle of Palms with extended family, the defendant who was her aunt's boyfriend at the time, solicited her for a sexual act. The victim reached out to her mother about coming home early and disclosed to her mother the following day.

The defendant has been on the Sex Offender Registry since 2014, when he was convicted of Assault and Battery 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree, which stemmed from a Criminal Sexual Conduct with a Minor 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree charge. His record also includes two convictions for Violation of the Sex Offender Registry.

Assistant Solicitors Kelsey Davis and Debbie Herring-Lash handled the trial in this case. "This prosecution would not have been possible without the victim's bravery and perseverance. Not all child victims of a sexual solicitation do tell. Thanks to this victim's quick thinking and willingness to face the defendant at trial, we were able to hold the defendant accountable."

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