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Notice of Conviction
Guilty Verdict for Man Accused of Child Molestation
State vs. Dustin Luther Wilkes

February 27, 2025 – District Attorney Susan K. Treadaway announces that, on February 26, Dustin Luther Wilkes, 45, of the Acworth area of Cherokee County, was found guilty of two counts of child molestation. Sentencing will be set at a later date.

Charges stem from a Cherokee Sheriff's Office investigation that began in December 2023 when a child disclosed that Wilkes had been sexually assaulting her.

As part of the investigation, the child participated in a forensic interview during which she described how Wilkes would climb on top of her and rub his body on her body and tell her he loved her. He also told her not to tell anyone what he was doing. The defendant was known to the child and committed the acts over the course of several months. The child was 8 and 9 years old at the time.

During the two-day trial, the victim, disclosure witnesses, lead detective, and an expert on child sexual abuse disclosure testified for the State. Additionally, a second victim provided testimony concerning a similar sexual assault committed by the defendant. The State introduced nine exhibits.

The jury deliberated for under 30 minutes before finding the defendant guilty of all charges.

The case was investigated by the Cherokee Sheriff's Office and prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Meaghan Frankish, of the Special Victims Unit, Office of the District Attorney, Blue Ridge Judicial Circuit.

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