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Notice of Sentencing
Child Rapist Sentenced to 35 Years in Prison
State vs. Alexis Trinidad aka Elder Israel Perez

March 12, 2025 – District Attorney Susan K. Treadaway announces that Alexis Trinidad aka Elder Israel Perez, 34, of Marietta, was sentenced on March 5 to serve 35 years in prison, followed by life on probation, for rape, aggravated child molestation, aggravated sexual battery, child molestation (3 counts), and cruelty to children in the first degree. While on probation, he will be subject to sex offender special conditions, in addition to standard conditions of probation.

Trinidad was convicted of these charges following a jury trial that ended with a guilty verdict on Jan. 31.

Charges stem from a Cherokee Sheriff's Office investigation that began in April 2023 when a child disclosed to a family member, who then contacted law enforcement. During a forensic interview, the child described how the defendant forced himself on her and raped her.

The defendant was known to the child and committed the acts in a home in Acworth. The child was 14 years old at the time.

The trial took place from Jan. 28-31, ending with a guilty verdict on all charges. The victim, disclosure witnesses, law enforcement officers, 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 in a different jurisdiction. Four witnesses, including the defendant, testified for the Defense. The jury deliberated for approximately two hours before finding the defendant guilty of all charges.

"Outside of the underlying facts of this case, that a 14-year-old was violated by a 32-year-old man, the jury heard evidence that these crimes only came to light because the child could not bottle it up anymore and had resorted to self-harming," said Assistant District Attorney David Bailey, of the Special Victims Unit, who prosecuted this case on behalf of the State. "The horrible acts that this man committed upon a child caused physical injuries and lasting emotional trauma that she still endures to this day."

At the sentencing hearing on March 5, Assistant District Attorney David Bailey read victim impact statements prepared by the victim and a family member. The Defense called no witnesses to speak on the defendant's behalf.

The State argued for a sentence of 50 years to serve, followed by life on probation. The Defense recommended the mandatory minimum.

Chief Superior Court Judge David Cannon Jr. sentenced Trinidad to 35 years to serve, followed by life on probation subject to sex offender special conditions. For the entirety of his sentence, Trinidad is forbidden to have

contact with the victim, the victim's family, other witnesses during the trial, and any child under the age of 18. Judge Cannon also banned the defendant from ever entering Cherokee County again.

"Sexual abuse often occurs in the shadows. Early signs of abuse can be subtle and overlooked. In this case, self-harm became the most powerful silent scar, eventually leading to both disclosure and law enforcement intervention," said District Attorney Susan K. Treadaway. "Now that her voice has been heard and justice has been served, this young victim can begin her journey toward healing."

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

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