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Notice of Sentencing
Life Sentence for Repeat Offender Convicted of Child Molestation
State vs. Jody Shane Bradley

May 29, 2025 – District Attorney Susan K. Treadaway announces that Superior Court Judge Jennifer L. Davis sentenced Jody Shane Bradley, 49, of Blue Ridge, to life in prison with the possibility of parole following a Cherokee County’s conviction on two counts of child molestation. The jury returned its verdict on May 15, and the court imposed the sentence on May 22.

Charges stem from a Cherokee Sheriff’s Office investigation that began in April 2024 after the victim’s mother called 911 to report that Bradley had sent an explicit video to her 15-year-old daughter. Bradley was known to the family and had frequently communicated with the child by cell phone. The victim told law enforcement that Bradley had been acting “weird” around her, including commenting on her body and trying to be alone with her. During a forensic interview, she disclosed that the defendant had grabbed her inner thigh when her mother was not present.

“Evidence at trial demonstrated that the defendant deliberately targeted and groomed this child over time, eventually escalating his behavior into sexual abuse,” said Assistant District Attorney Meaghan Frankish, of the Special Victims Unit, who prosecuted this case on behalf of the State. “Thankfully, the child had the courage to speak up, and her disclosure led to the protection and support she deserved.”

This case marks Bradley’s second conviction for child molestation. According to Gilmer County Superior Court records, Bradley pled guilty in 2002 to seven counts of child molestation and three counts of cruelty to children in the first degree, in a case that involved four child victims. He was sentenced as a sex offender to 20 years, with the first five years to serve in prison.

During the Cherokee County sentencing hearing last week, the State introduced Bradley’s prior convictions as evidence in aggravation of sentencing. At the conclusion of the hearing, Judge Davis followed the State’s recommendation and sentenced Bradley to life in prison. He will be eligible for parole after 30 years in custody.

“It is disturbing that this sexual predator harmed a Cherokee County child after a prior conviction for similar crimes in Gilmer County,” said District Attorney Susan K. Treadaway. “In both cases, he targeted vulnerable children under the age of 16. His actions show that he remains a serious threat to children, and this life sentence is both necessary and just.”

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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