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Notice of Conviction
Canton Man Convicted of Child Molestation and Other Crimes
State vs. Brian James Holland

June 20, 2025 – District Attorney Susan K. Treadaway announces that a Cherokee County jury has found Brian James Holland, 48, of Canton, guilty of two counts of child molestation and three counts of sexual battery against a child under 16.

The verdict was delivered on June 20, following a five-day trial in Superior Court Judge Jennifer L. Davis' courtroom. Sentencing has been set for June 30.

Charges stem from an investigation initiated by the Canton Police Department on December 23, 2021, after a concerned parent called 911. The parent had received two alarming calls from his daughter, who was at Holland's home that night.

During forensic interviews conducted as part of the investigation, two girls disclosed three separate incidents in which Holland inappropriately touched or rubbed them. The girls were 12 and 14 years old at the time. One of the girls told investigators that she had reported the abuse to a family member who advised her to "forgive" Holland since he was intoxicated at the time.

At trial, the State called 10 witnesses, including the victims, other individuals present in the home, a Canton Police officer, and a child abuse expert. The Defense called the defendant and one other witness to testify.

After about an hour of deliberations, the jury found Holland guilty of all charges.

The case was investigated by the Canton Police Department 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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