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Notice of Conviction Jury Convicts Canton Man of Three Counts of Child Molestation <u>State vs. Lucas Simon Lucas-Juan</u>

June 27, 2025 – District Attorney Susan K. Treadaway announces that on June 26 a Cherokee County jury found Lucas Simon Lucas-Juan, 41, of Canton, guilty of all charges – three counts of child molestation.

Charges stem from a Canton Police Department investigation that began on July 22, 2024, when a Walmart employee called 911 after witnessing the defendant touching a young child in a sexually abusive manner inside a parked car at the Walmart Supercenter on Riverstone Parkway.

Canton Police officers obtained Walmart surveillance video inside the store that showed Lucas-Juan committing two other sexually abusive acts with the 7-year-old child.

Over the course of the three-day trial, the State called nine witnesses to testify and introduced 17 exhibits. Witnesses included Walmart employees, law enforcement officers, the child victim and parent, a forensic interviewer, and an expert witness from the Anna Crawford Children's Center.

After deliberating for about six hours, the jury found the defendant guilty of all charges.

The case was investigated by the Canton Police Department and prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney David Bailey, of the Special Victims Unit, Office of the District Attorney, Blue Ridge Judicial Circuit. Special thank you to Law Intern Jacob Galofre who provided instrumental assistance for this trial.

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