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Notice of Sentencing
Canton Man Sentenced to 30 Years for Child Molestation
State vs. Lucas Simon Lucas-Juan

July 15, 2025 – District Attorney Susan K. Treadaway announces that on July 10, Superior Court Judge Shannon Wallace sentenced Lucas Simon Lucas-Juan, 41, of Canton, to 30 years, with the first 29 years in prison, following his conviction for three counts of child molestation.

A Cherokee County jury found Lucas-Juan guilty on June 26 after hearing evidence that he sexually abused a 7-year-old child multiple times on July 22, 2024, at the Walmart Supercenter on Riverstone Parkway in Canton.

Charges stem from a Canton Police Department investigation that began on July 22, 2024, when a Walmart employee called 911 to report a disturbing incident.

“While collecting grocery carts from the store parking lot, a Walmart employee saw a man commit immoral and indecent acts on a little girl inside a parked vehicle. Horrified by what she saw, the employee returned to the store and provided authorities with a description of the vehicle and its license plate,” said Assistant District Attorney David J. Bailey, who prosecuted this case on behalf of the State.

Surveillance footage from inside the store revealed two other incidents involving the same child and defendant had occurred earlier that day.

At sentencing, ADA Bailey told the court that, within the short time the defendant and the victim were at the store location, the defendant’s behavior escalated to the point where he committed the final, most egregious act in the parking lot.

After hearing from both the State and the Defense, Judge Wallace imposed a 30-year sentence, with 29 years to serve in custody and the remainder on probation. The judge also prohibited Lucas-Juan from contacting the child or her family. In addition, he must register as a sex offender and abide by all sex offender special conditions of probation.

“This case is a stark reminder that child sexual abuse can happen even in plain view in public places,” said District Attorney Susan K. Treadaway. “This case underscores the importance of businesses, citizens, and law enforcement working together to safeguard our children.”

Investigated by the Canton Police Department, this case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney David Bailey, of the Special Victims Unit, Office of the District Attorney, Blue Ridge Judicial Circuit. Special thanks to Law Intern Jacob Galofre for his assistance.

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