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Notice of Conviction
Man Found Guilty of Sex Crimes Against a Child Under 10 Years Old
State vs. Harold William Duvall

CANTON, GA (October 6, 2026) – District Attorney Susan K. Treadaway announces that on October 1 a Cherokee County jury convicted Harold William Duvall, 71, of all counts he faced at trial. The defendant was found guilty of aggravated sodomy, aggravated child molestation, and cruelty to children in the first degree.

Woodstock Police Department began investigating this case in June 2024 after a mother reported that her teenage child had disclosed historical abuse by Duvall. In a forensic interview, the child stated that Duvall made him engage in a sexual act when he was approximately five years old.

During the four-day trial, the State also presented evidence of the defendant's sexual abuse of three other children dating as far back as 1981.

Eight witnesses testified for the State, including an expert in child abuse dynamics, the victim, similar victims, and family members. The jury deliberated for an hour before reaching its verdict. Sentencing has not yet been set.

The case was investigated by the Woodstock Police Department and prosecuted by Deputy Chief Assistant District Attorney Rachel Hines of the Special Victims Unit, Office of the District Attorney.

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