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RE: Guilty Verdict – Kendrick Evans Convicted for Molesting 12 Year Old

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

A child predator who preyed on a 12-year-old middle school student has been convicted after a 5-day jury trial. The District Attorney's Special Victims Unit announces the conviction of Kendrick Evans (39, Augusta), for Aggravated Child Molestation, Child Molestation, and Tampering with Evidence. This predator will no longer harm another child, having been sentenced to Life in Prison plus 19 years after the verdict was announced midday Friday.

"The defendant was 36 when he started preying on this 12-year-old child," said Assistant District Attorney William Hammond of the Special Victims Unit after trial. **"He took advantage of the victim's vulnerable family situation to manipulate and groom her for his depraved sexual desires."**

ADA Hammond brought evidence that Evans had met the child via social media. Over the course of months, he engaged in sex acts with this minor. On at least one occasion, he picked her up from the school bus stop and dropped her off at her middle school after his acts. After law enforcement got involved, the victim was able to lead investigators to the defendant's home. She even identified him by his nipple piercings. When asked by law enforcement to remove his nipple rings for evidence, the defendant went to the restroom and flushed them.

"Predators like Kendrick Evans are why we created the Special Victims Unit," said District Attorney Jared T. Williams after the verdict. **"Prey on children, we will put you in prison."**

The DA's Special Victims Unit was established in December 2021 to address crimes against women and children, sex trafficking, and crimes against the vulnerable and elderly. It is led by 20-year veteran prosecutor Deshala Dixon. Deputy Chief ADA Dixon assisted in the trial, along with Victim Advocate Cristina Kalpa, Legal Assistant Patsy Smith, and DA Investigator Tom Brown.

A press conference will be held Tuesday, October 11 at 10 a.m. to address the work of the DA's Major Crimes Division, including the Special Victims Unit. It will take place outside the Richmond County courthouse.

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