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**PRESS RELEASE**

William Eddins, State Attorney for the First Judicial Circuit, announced today that Gregory Goodson has been sentenced to life in prison without parole on the charge of Capital Sexual Battery (victim less than 12).

The charges arose after 2 young children came forward and reported that the defendant had performed various sex acts on the children when they visited him during a period of time from July 2010 until June 2012. The defendant, after his arrest, had offered \$40,000 to the parents of the victims if they would drop the charges.

Goodson was convicted in September after a jury trial on the charges of Capital Sexual Battery (victim less than 12), Lewd and Lascivious Molestation of a victim less than 12 and Tampering with a Witness. Goodson was sentenced to a concurrent life count on the Lewd and Lascivious charge and 30 years prison consecutive on the Tampering charge.

The case was investigated by the Okaloosa County Sheriff's Department and members of the Children's Advocacy Center. Assistant State Attorney Christine Bosau was responsible for the prosecution. Circuit Judge William Stone imposed the sentences.

Any questions may be directed to Assistant State Attorney Christine Bosau at (850) 833-9237 option 2.