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PRESS RELEASE

William Eddins, State Attorney for the First Judicial Circuit, announced today that on Wednesday, April 15, 2015, Judge Michael Flowers sentenced Donald Vernon Kelley to Life in Prison without the possibility of parole. Judge Flowers sentenced him to an additional 60 years in prison consecutive to the Life sentence and designated him as a Sexual Predator.

The sentence was imposed after a jury found Mr Kelley guilty of Sexual Battery of a Child Under the Age of 12, Sexual Battery of a Child Over 12, Lewd or Lascivious Battery upon a Child 12-16 years of age, Lewd and Lascivious Conduct on a Child 12-16 years of age (2 counts), Interference with Custody (5 counts), and Contributing to the Delinquency of a Minor (2 counts). The jury heard evidence that Mr Kelley had between 2010 and 2013 sexually abused a child between the ages of 10 and 13 years old and 15-16 years of age while they were at his home in Crestview, Florida on a regular basis. Additionally, the defendant sexually molested two girls, ages 12 and 13, while they were visiting at his home. The jury also heard evidence that Mr Kelley provided the children with marijuana.

The Okaloosa Sheriff's Office conducted the investigation, with the assistance of the Children's Advocacy Center personnel, and made the arrest. The case was prosecuted by Assistant State Attorney Christine Bosau.

Any further questions or request for additional information may be directed to Assistant State Attorney Christine Bosau at (850) 833-9237 x 225.