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Terrance Lamont King (34) of Eastman, Georgia was convicted by a jury yesterday (December 12, 2013) of one count of Statutory Rape, one count of Aggravated Child Molestation, and one count of Enticing a Child for Indecent Purposes in the Superior Court of Houston County, the Honorable Edward D. Lukemire presiding. He was sentenced this morning by Judge Lukemire to 30 years in prison, followed by probation for life. He will be required to register as a sex offender, and upon his release from prison, he will be banished from Houston County as well as all contiguous counties.

King was the pastor at a small church in nearby Hawkinsville, Georgia from 2010 until January of 2013. The victim and her family were lifelong members of the church community. In November of 2012, when the victim was age 15, King picked her up in his vehicle before school one morning, drove her to a hotel in Perry, Georgia, where he engaged in sexual intercourse with her, as well as an act of oral sex. The victim disclosed this to her mother several weeks later after an inappropriate Facebook chat between the two was discovered.

COMMENTS FROM ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY MARK W. ANTHONY: What makes this case especially egregious is the fact that the defendant was the victim's pastor, someone that she and her whole family looked up to, trusted, and loved. He betrayed them and the entire church community by using his position to seduce this young woman, making her believe that they were in a dating relationship, and then exploiting her innocence and infatuation for his own lurid purposes. Given the abuse of his position of authority and status as a role model, we consider the sentence fair and just.

COMMENTS FROM DISTRICT ATTORNEY GEORGE HARTWIG: The defendant in this case brought the victim into Perry from another community altogether, and consummated his manipulation of her here. The DA's office will not tolerate this kind of abuse of a minor in Houston County.

Assistant District Attorney Mark W. Anthony acted as lead prosecutor for the case on behalf of the State. Mr. King was represented by Nick White, Circuit Public Defender. Questions about the case may be referred to Mr. Anthony at [478\) 218-4810](tel:478-218-4810).