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Court of General Sessions
Perry M. Buckner, Circuit Court Judge

Case No. 2011-GS-32-2356
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Appellate Case No. 2012-212998

State of South Carolina,

Respondent,

v.

Glenn Edwin Vanover,

Appellant

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COUNTY OF Lexington
STATE VS. Glenn Edwin Vanover
AKA:
Race: White Sex: M Age: 49
DOB: 03-20-1963 SS#: 248-37-1825
Address: 1010 Wildwood Cir
City, State, Zip: Leesville, SC 29070-7993
DL#: 008259162 SID#:

INDICTMENT/CASE#: 2011GS3202356
A/W#: M302261
Date of Offense: 1/1/2004
S.C. Code §: 16-03-0655(A)(1)
CDR Code #: 0385

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*CDL Yes No CMV Yes No Hazmat Yes No
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in violation of § 16-03-0655(A)(1) of the S.C. Code of Laws, bearing CDR Code # 0385
NON-VIOLENT VIOLENT SERIOUS MOST SERIOUS Mandatory GPS(CSC w/minor 1st or Lewd Act) §17-25-45

The charge is: As Indicted, Lesser Included Offense, Defendant Waives Presentment to Grand Jury.
The plea is: Without Negotiations or Recommendation, Negotiated Sentence, Recommendation by the State.

ATTEST:
Solicitor SC Bar# Defendant Attorney for Defendant SC Bar#

WHEREFORE, the Defendant is committed to the State Department of Corrections, County Detention Center,
for a determinate term of 26 days/months/years or under the Youthful Offender Act not to exceed years
and/or to pay a fine of \$; provided that upon the service of days/months/years and/or payment
of \$; plus costs and assessments as applicable*; the balance is suspended with probation for

months/years and subject to South Carolina Department of Probation, Parole and Pardon Services standard conditions of
probation, which are incorporated by reference.
CONCURRENT or CONSECUTIVE to sentence on: 2011-GS-32-2357
The Defendant is to be given credit for time served pursuant to S.C. Code § 24-13-40 to be calculated and applied
by the State Department of Corrections.
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Pursuant to 18 U.S.C Section 922, it is unlawful for a person convicted of a violation of Section 16-25-20 or 16-25-65 (Criminal
Domestic Violence) to ship, transport, possess, or receive a firearm or ammunition.

SPECIAL CONDITIONS:

RESTITUTION: Deferred Def. Waives Hearing Ordered PTUP
Total: \$ plus 20% fee: \$
Payment Terms:
Set by SCDPPPS

Recipient:
*Fine: \$
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3% to County (if paid in installments) \$
TOTAL \$130

Obtain GED
Attend Voc. Rehab. or Job Corp.
May serve W/E beginning
Substance Abuse Counseling
Random Drug/Alcohol testing
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Appointed PD or appointed other counsel,
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Presiding Judge
Judge Code: 0122
Sentence Date: 8/29/12

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Lexington County Sheriffs Department

Marty L. Longshore

Law Enforcement Case #: 11012826

RWP

ARREST WARRANT NUMBER

M302261

ACTION OF GRAND JURY

THIS BILL

[Signature]
Foreperson of Grand Jury
Date: 8/8/11

VERDICT

Guilty

[Signature]
Foreperson of Petit Jury
Date: 8-29-12

DOCKET NO. 2011GS3202356

The State of South Carolina
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AUGUST TERM 2011

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Glenn Edwin Vanover

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under11- First Degree

§ 16-03-0655(1)

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ASSISTANT SOLICITOR

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GLENN EDWIN VANOVER)
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Defendant.)
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COURT OF GENERAL SESSION
INDICTMENT No.'s 2011-GS-32-2356
and 2357

VERDICT

1) We, the jury, by unanimous consent, find the Defendant Glenn Edwin Vanover, in indictment number 2011-GS-32-2356:

Guilty of Criminal Sexual Conduct With a Minor in the 1st Degree.

Not Guilty of Criminal Sexual Conduct With a Minor in the 1st Degree.

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Not Guilty of Criminal Sexual Conduct With a Minor in the 1st Degree.


FOREPERSON

Lexington, South Carolina
August 29~~th~~, 2012

Please indicate your finding by checking the appropriate line and certify this finding by the foreperson's signature. Please inform the bailiff when you have reached your verdict.

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 4 THE STATE)
 5 -vs-)
 6 GLENN EDWIN VANOVER,) TRANSCRIPT OF RECORD
 7 DEFENDANT.) 2011-GS-32-02356
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) AUGUST 28, 2012
) LEXINGTON, SOUTH CAROLINA

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B E F O R E:

THE HONORABLE PERRY BUCKNER, JUDGE. ; And a Jury.

A P P E A R A N C E S:

RHONDA W. PATTERSON, ASSISTANT SOLICITOR
ATTORNEY FOR THE STATE

THEO WILLIAMS, ESQUIRE
ATTORNEY FOR THE DEFENDANT

MICHAEL R. WATTS
CIRCUIT COURT REPORTER

1 get you home in a timely fashion, try to be here on time. I
2 can assure you that I asked the attorneys and their
3 respective clients to be here. So please try -- I realize
4 things do happen. If you have to be late and some emergency
5 arises, then I would appreciate you calling the clerk's
6 office and notifying us, so we can start on time and I can
7 get you home on time.

8 Thank you for your cooperation.

9 Solicitor, you may call your next witness.

10 MS. PATTERSON: Thank you, Your Honor.

11 The State calls [REDACTED]

12 [REDACTED], having been first duly sworn,
13 testified as follows:

14 THE CLERK: Have a seat, please, ma'am.

15 Once you are seated, you need to speak up loud and
16 clear, stating your full name and spelling your last on the
17 record, please.

18 THE COURT: Pull that microphone -- adjust that
19 seat and pull the microphone down so you don't have to lift
20 up. It's going to amplify your voice. I need you to use it
21 so everybody, particularly my last jurors down, and the
22 parties can hear you.

23 State your full name and spell your last name for
24 the court reporter.

25 THE WITNESS: All right. It's [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

THE COURT: Can everyone hear down there?

JURY PANEL: (Collective said yes).

THE COURT: Your witness, counsel.

MS. PATTERSON: Thank you, Your Honor.

DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MS. PATTERSON:

Q. And [REDACTED], is that -- is [REDACTED] your -- [REDACTED]
[REDACTED], is that your biological name?

A. Yes, ma'am.

Q. Or the name that you were born?

A. No, ma'am.

Q. And what name were you born with?

A. [REDACTED] Taylor Elizabeth Vanover

Q. And why is your name now [REDACTED]?

A. I was adopted.

Q. And where were you adopted?

A. In this courtroom.

Q. When?

A. When? April.

Q. April of what year?

A. 2012.

Q. And who adopted you?

A. My aunt.

Q. And what's your aunt's name?

A. [REDACTED]

1 Q. And is she married?

2 A. Yes, ma'am.

3 Q. And what's her husband's name?

4 A. [REDACTED]

5 Q. And did you know them prior to them adopting you?

6 A. I knew them, but I never really had that relationship
7 with them.

8 Q. Are they related to you?

9 A. Yes, ma'am.

10 Q. How are they related to you?

11 A. My biological mom's brother is my uncle Kenny.

12 Q. And what the are the names of your biological parents?

13 A. Melanie and Glenn Vanover.

14 Q. And do you have any siblings?

15 A. Yes, ma'am.

16 Q. And what are their names and ages?

17 A. I have three older brothers and I have one little
18 sister. I have -- no, I have four older brothers.

19 Q. And what are their names?

20 A. I got Brandon Vanover.

21 Q. And how old is Brandon?

22 A. He's twenty.

23 I got a little brother name [REDACTED].

24 Q. And how old is [REDACTED]?

25 A. He's eight.

1 I have an older brother named -- no, I have two older
2 brothers Travis and Brent.

3 Q. And how old are Travis and Brent?

4 A. Twenty-two is Brent, and Travis is nineteen.

5 Q. You said you had a little sister?

6 A. Yes, ma'am.

7 Q. What's her name?

8 A. [REDACTED].

9 Q. [REDACTED]?

10 A. [REDACTED].

11 Q. [REDACTED].

12 And how old is [REDACTED]?

13 A. She's ten.

14 Q. And of these siblings that you named, how many of them
15 are siblings that you had with Glenn and Melanie?

16 A. Two.

17 Q. And who are they?

18 A. Brandon and [REDACTED].

19 Q. And how old are you now, [REDACTED]?

20 A. I'm sixteen.

21 Q. And what grade are you in?

22 A. I'm in the 11th grade.

23 Q. And when is your birthday?

24 A. In October.

25 Q. When you began school, do you remember if you started

1 school late or not?

2 A. I did.

3 Q. So were you a little older than kids in your class?

4 A. Yes, ma'am.

5 Q. Now, when was the last time that you lived with Glenn
6 and Melanie?

7 A. February of last year, I think it is.

8 Q. And when you lived with them, could you kind of
9 describe your family relationship?

10 A. Me and my mom, we were pretty close, you know. She was
11 kind of like she wanted to be my best friend and my mom at
12 the same time.

13 My dad and me, we really didn't have that kind of
14 relationship. We didn't talk much, besides, you know, in
15 the house:

16 Me and my older brother, we kind of are totally
17 different people. He went down a different road than I did.

18 My little brother, I love him so much. He's my world.

19 Q. Now, ██████████, do you know why you are here today?

20 A. Yes, ma'am.

21 Q. And why are you here today?

22 A. Because my father sexually assaulted me when I was
23 younger.

24 Q. And do you see your father in the courtroom today?

25 A. Yes, ma'am.

1 Q. And where is he?

2 A. He's to my left.

3 Q. Describe what he has on?

4 A. He's wearing a gray tux.

5 MS. PATTERSON: Your Honor, please let the record
6 reflect that she's pointed out the defendant Glenn Vanover.

7 THE COURT: Proceed.

8 BY MS. PATTERSON:

9 Q. Now, ██████████ about how many times did your father
10 sexually assault you?

11 A. I can't -- I don't know exactly how many times, but it
12 happened for awhile. Probably like three times a month.

13 Q. Now, do you remember the first time that he did this to
14 you?

15 A. Yes, ma'am.

16 Q. Do you remember where you were living?

17 A. Yes, ma'am.

18 Q. Where were you living?

19 A. ██████████.

20 Q. And what city is ██████████?

21 A. I think it's a Leesville address, but I went to Gilbert
22 schools.

23 Q. And what grades did you go to the Gilbert school?

24 A. I would have to say probably 2nd to 4th, because when I
25 left there I was in Batesburg for 5th grade.

1 Q. And the first time that he assaulted you, do remember
2 what was -- do you remember who was home with you?

3 A. Yes, ma'am.

4 Q. And who was home?

5 A. My older brother, my dad, and me.

6 Q. And where was your mom?

7 A. She was working.

8 Q. And was [REDACTED] born yet?

9 A. No, ma'am.

10 Q. And can you tell us what led up to him doing this to
11 you?

12 A. Well, it was always like when we were younger --
13 nothing happened before, and it was always cool to go in
14 dad's room and watch TV with him. And me and Brandon were
15 always fighting over who wanted to go in there, and finally
16 he came out just this one time, it was like "well, [REDACTED] is
17 going to come in here," and so I did. And --

18 Q. Were you excited that you got chosen to go in the room
19 with dad?

20 A. At first I was.

21 Q. And when you got in the room -- did you have another TV
22 in the house?

23 A. No, ma'am.

24 Q. And when you got in the room with daddy, what happened?

25 A. Well, we were laying down and the light was out and he

1 just started kind of feeling on me.

2 Q. And what was your immediate reaction?

3 A. I didn't know what to do. I -- I had never had that
4 done to me before, so I wasn't -- I didn't know what to do.

5 Q. Did he say anything to you?

6 A. He asked me if it felt good.

7 Q. And what was your response?

8 A. I didn't really say anything.

9 Q. Did you have any kind of reaction?

10 A. I just -- I was quiet. I didn't -- I have never had it
11 done to me before, so I didn't know.

12 Q. Now, did you have on clothes?

13 A. I did.

14 Q. Did he have on clothes?

15 A. He did.

16 Q. And where were you sitting?

17 A. I was on his bed.

18 Q. And where was he in relation to you?

19 A. He was beside me.

20 Q. And did he do anything else on this occasion?

21 A. Not on this occasion.

22 Q. Did he tell you not to tell anybody what happened?

23 A. Yes, ma'am.

24 Q. And did you tell anybody what happened after this?

25 A. No, ma'am.

1 Q. Now, did he do it again after that?

2 A. Yes, ma'am.

3 Q. And what was the circumstances surrounding that time?

4 A. This time he asked me to come in the room, and I did.

5 And he was just -- it was totally different. He -- he kept
6 asking me if it felt good, and I didn't know what to say.

7 And finally --

8 THE COURT: You need to speak up just a little bit
9 for me.

10 THE WITNESS: All right.

11 A. He just -- he kept asking me, you know, "does this feel
12 good?"

13 And when you are younger you ask questions, you know,
14 because you are curious. And I was like "well, what is this
15 called?" And he told me it was called sex.

16 BY MS. PATTERSON:

17 Q. And what was he doing to you to ask you if it felt
18 good?

19 A. He was -- he was kind of like cradled on top of me.

20 Q. And did you lay down on the bed? Were you on the bed?

21 A. Yes, ma'am.

22 Q. Did you lay down on the bed on your own?

23 A. Yes, ma'am.

24 Q. And did you have on clothes?

25 A. I had my pants pulled down.

- 1 Q. Who pulled your pants down?
- 2 A. He did.
- 3 Q. And was he clothed?
- 4 A. He had his pants pulled down.
- 5 Q. And how was he positioned on top of you?
- 6 A. He was kind of like cradled on top of me.
- 7 Q. And was -- did he touch you?
- 8 A. Yes, ma'am.
- 9 Q. Where did he touch you?
- 10 A. My private.
- 11 Q. And what do you mean by private?
- 12 A. My lower half.
- 13 Q. And what did he touch you with?
- 14 A. His private.
- 15 Q. Did he touch you inside or outside your private?
- 16 A. Both.
- 17 Q. Did he have anything on his private?
- 18 A. No, ma'am.
- 19 Q. And are you sure it went inside your private?
- 20 A. (Shaking head yes)
- 21 THE COURT: You have to say yes or no for me.
- 22 A. Yes, ma'am.
- 23 BY MS. PATTERSON:
- 24 Q. And how are you sure?
- 25 A. It hurt.

1 Q. And did he say anything while he was doing this to you?

2 A. No, ma'am.

3 Q. And who was home with you at this time?

4 A. Just Brandon and daddy.

5 Q. Did you try to call out for help?

6 A. No, ma'am.

7 Q. And why not?

8 A. I was afraid.

9 Q. And was he saying anything to you while he was doing
10 this?

11 A. He told me not to tell anyone. And if I did, I would
12 be in a lot of trouble.

13 Q. And did he let you up at some point?

14 A. Yes, ma'am.

15 Q. And did you do -- what did you do after he was done?

16 A. I walked out.

17 Q. And where did you go?

18 A. I went to my room.

19 Q. And what did you do?

20 A. I just sat there.

21 Q. And did you tell anybody after this time?

22 A. No, ma'am.

23 Q. Why not?

24 A. I was afraid.

25 Q. And did he do it again?

1 A. Yes, ma'am.

2 Q. Were you still living at the same house?

3 A. Yes, ma'am.

4 Q. And where did all of these assaults occur?

5 A. They were mostly at that house.

6 And then there was an incident when we left and --

7 Q. Now, getting back to that house, was it always in his
8 room?

9 A. Yes, ma'am.

10 Q. And where was your mom all these times?

11 A. She was working.

12 Q. Do you remember where she was working?

13 A. I think she was working at McDonald's in Batesburg.

14 Q. And do you remember what shift or what time that she
15 worked?

16 A. It was during the day.

17 Q. And when he assaulted you again, did it happen pretty
18 much the same way as you described today?

19 A. Yes, ma'am.

20 Q. Did he ever do anything different or have you do
21 anything different?

22 A. Yes, ma'am.

23 Q. And what would he -- what would he have you do?

24 A. He would get me to put my mouth on his private.

25 Q. And would he be saying anything while you were doing

1 Q. And when you moved to that house, did you go to a
2 different school?

3 A. Yes, ma'am.

4 Q. What school did you go to?

5 A. I went to Batesburg.

6 Q. Do you remember what grade that you were in?

7 A. I was in 5th grade.

8 Q. And did your father ever do anything to you at that
9 house?

10 A. There was one time.

11 Q. Do you remember about how old you were in the 5th
12 grade?

13 A. Probably about ten.

14 Q. But you are not sure?

15 A. I'm not sure.

16 Q. And at that house during that time when he touched you
17 what happened?

18 A. It was like the times before.

19 Q. And did you tell anybody about that time?

20 A. No, ma'am.

21 Q. Now, do you remember when you finally did tell
22 somebody?

23 A. Yes, ma'am.

24 Q. And who did you tell?

25 A. I told my mom.

1 Q. And what made you tell your mom this time?

2 A. They were arguing. They always argued, but she always
3 said she was going to leave him and --

4 MR. WILLIAMS: Objection to hearsay, Your Honor.

5 THE COURT: Sustained.

6 BY MS. PATTERSON:

7 Q. Without saying what your mom told you, what made you
8 tell her this time?

9 A. She was just upset because they were arguing, and
10 she -- she came in the room and she sat down and I told her,
11 that I thought she should know that.

12 Q. And without saying what she said, what was her
13 reaction?

14 A. She cried.

15 Q. Did she do anything else?

16 A. No, ma'am.

17 Q. And what happened with you after you told your mom that
18 time?

19 A. I went to stay with my best friend [REDACTED].

20 Q. Do you remember how old you were when you told your mom
21 that time?

22 A. No, ma'am. I just know I was in the 7th grade.

23 Q. And when you told her, how much time had passed since
24 the last time he had touched you?

25 A. Probably -- probably about two years.

1 Q. So you held it in for two years before you finally told
2 your mom?

3 A. Yes, ma'am.

4 Q. And why did you hold it in so long?

5 A. I seen the way he treated my mom and how he hit her.

6 MR. WILLIAMS: Objection, Your Honor.

7 THE COURT: Grounds?

8 MR. WILLIAMS: It's prejudicial and it has nothing
9 to do with the charge.

10 THE COURT: I believe she can testify to what she
11 said, counsel.

12 MR. WILLIAMS: All right, sir.

13 THE COURT: Proceed.

14 BY MS. PATTERSON:

15 Q. And why did you --

16 THE COURT: Tell us just what you said and not
17 what someone else said. Do you understand?

18 THE WITNESS: Yes.

19 THE COURT: Very well.

20 Proceed.

21 BY MS. PATTERSON:

22 Q. And so you went to live with [REDACTED]?

23 A. Yes, ma'am.

24 Q. And how long did you stay with [REDACTED]?

25 A. About two months.

1 Q. And when you first went to stay with [REDACTED], did you
2 tell her what had happened at your house?

3 A. I did not.

4 Q. Did you tell her mom?

5 A. No, ma'am.

6 Q. And did you ultimately return to the Vanover house?

7 A. Yes, ma'am.

8 Q. And when did you go back and live with them?

9 A. They -- they picked me up from school.

10 Q. Who picked you up?

11 A. Melanie and Glenn.

12 COURT REPORTER: Can you pull that microphone a
13 little bit closer to you, please? Thank you.

14 BY MS. PATTERSON:

15 Q. And when they picked you up from school, where did you
16 go?

17 A. I went to my grandma's house.

18 Q. Which grandma?

19 A. Vanover.

20 Q. And where was she living?

21 A. In Columbia.

22 Q. And when you went to grandma Vanover's house, what
23 happened at her house that day?

24 A. We had a meeting.

25 Q. Who had a meeting?

1 A. Me, my grandma, my mom, and my dad.

2 Q. Was anybody else there?

3 A. My grand-dad was, but he was sick and he didn't
4 understand what was going on.

5 Q. And where did you have this meeting in the house?

6 A. In the dining room closest to the kitchen.

7 Q. And where was everybody sitting or positioned?

8 A. My dad was straight across from me, and my grandma was
9 to my right, and my mom was to my left.

10 Q. And were y'all at a table or --

11 A. We were at a table.

12 Q. Dad across, mom where?

13 A. She was to my left.

14 Q. And grandma where?

15 A. To my right.

16 Q. And at this meeting that the topic of what your dad had
17 did to you, did that come up?

18 A. Yes, ma'am.

19 Q. Who brought it up?

20 A. My grandma.

21 Q. And did you tell your grandma what he had did to you?

22 A. Yes, ma'am.

23 Q. Did you tell her to same thing you had told your mom?

24 A. Yes, ma'am.

25 Q. Without saying what she said, what was her reaction?

1 A. She was angry.

2 Q. Who was she angry at?

3 A. Me.

4 Q. And at this meeting did you ever take anything you said
5 back or recant it?

6 A. No, ma'am.

7 Q. And why didn't you?

8 A. Because I wasn't going to say I was lying about
9 something I wasn't.

10 Q. And so where did you go after you left grandma's that
11 day?

12 A. Went back to the lake house.

13 Q. And how was your life at the Vanovers after that?

14 A. We really didn't talk good like a family, like we used
15 to.

16 Q. Did you talk to anybody in the house?

17 A. I did.

18 Q. Who did you talk to?

19 A. We would just say, you know, just normal stuff a family
20 would.

21 Q. Did you ever go back to grandma Vanover's after that?

22 A. Yes, ma'am.

23 Q. And how was you treated when you went back over there?

24 A. It was different. We didn't speak much.

25 Q. Had you and your grandma been close before that?

1 A. Yes, ma'am.

2 Q. And how did you -- how did that make you feel when you
3 didn't get to talk to your grandma much?

4 A. Kind of like isolated.

5 Q. Did you talk to your mom much after that?

6 A. Uh-uh.

7 Q. And how did that make you feel?

8 A. Bad.

9 Q. Why did it make you feel bad?

10 A. Because I love my mom.

11 Q. And so, [REDACTED], after all of that was going on, what
12 made you finally talk to Mr. Horne?

13 A. Everything that was going on at that house.

14 And my little brother, he's ADHD, and they just found
15 out that he's autistic too, and --

16 MR. WILLIAMS: Your Honor, I have a matter of law
17 I would like to take up with the court.

18 THE COURT: Counsel approach.

19 (Whereupon, the lawyers approached the bench for
20 an off-the-record discussion)

21 THE COURT: Counsel, I understand you are
22 satisfied about the matter of law that you approached the
23 bench about, is that correct?

24 MR. WILLIAMS: I am, Your Honor.

25 THE COURT: Very well.

1 Solicitor, please proceed.

2 MS. PATTERSON: Thank you, Your Honor.

3 BY MS. PATTERSON:

4 Q. And, ██████████, speak up just a little louder for us,
5 okay?

6 Now, when you talked to Coach Horne about yourself,
7 what made you go to him and talk to him about what was going
8 on with you?

9 A. I had talked to him about something before that and he
10 showed me that I could trust him.

11 Q. And so did you approach him about what was going on
12 with you?

13 A. Yes, ma'am.

14 Q. And was this matter concerning your dad?

15 A. Yes, ma'am.

16 Q. And did you tell him all the details?

17 A. Not all the details.

18 Q. And what type of teacher was he to you?

19 A. Criminal justice.

20 Q. And how long had you been in his class?

21 A. About two months.

22 Q. And what grade were you in at that time?

23 A. I was a freshman.

24 Q. And what grade is that?

25 A. 9th grade.

1 Q. Do you remember how old you were?

2 A. I was fourteen, fifteen.

3 Q. And let's go back just for a minute, just to make sure
4 that we are clear on something.

5 When you were in the 5th grade, you said that's the
6 last time your dad assaulted you?

7 A. Uh-huh.

8 THE COURT: You have to say yes or no.

9 A. Yes, ma'am.

10 BY MS. PATTERSON:

11 Q. And keep your voice up just a little bit for me. Thank
12 you.

13 And how old were you?

14 A. I was ten.

15 Q. And what school were you going to?

16 A. Batesburg.

17 Q. And was anything else going on with you around that
18 time? You were in the 5th grade.

19 A. No, ma'am.

20 Q. Do you know what made your dad stop?

21 A. Yes, ma'am.

22 Q. What made him stop touching you?

23 A. I had started my period.

24 Q. And do you remember when you started your period?

25 A. I was in the 5th grade.

1 Q. And you were how old?

2 A. I was ten.

3 Q. Now, were you ten the whole 5th grade year?

4 A. No, ma'am.

5 Q. And how old were you the entire 5th grade year?

6 A. I think I was eleven.

7 Q. Now, let's go back to your meeting with Coach Horne.

8 So you told him what was going on with you and your
9 dad?

10 A. Yes, ma'am.

11 Q. And what did he do once you told him everything?

12 Whatever you told him, what did he do?

13 A. He called DSS.

14 Q. And did you meet with someone from DSS?

15 A. Yes, ma'am.

16 Q. And who was that?

17 A. Constance.

18 Q. And where did you meet with Ms. Constance?

19 A. At school.

20 Q. And where did you meet with her within the school?

21 A. We were in the front office, in like a meeting room.

22 Q. And who was present at that meeting?

23 A. Just me and her.

24 Q. And at that meeting did you tell her what you had told
25 Mr. Horne?

- 1 A. Yes, ma'am.
- 2 Q. Did you tell her anything else different?
- 3 A. No, ma'am.
- 4 Q. Did you give her any more details?
- 5 A. Yes, ma'am.
- 6 Q. And did you talk to anybody else?
- 7 A. No, ma'am.
- 8 Q. Do you remember talking to Officer Grooms?
- 9 A. Yes, ma'am.
- 10 Q. And did you talk to him before or after you talked to
- 11 Mr. Constance?
- 12 A. It was before.
- 13 Q. And did you tell him what you had told Mr. Horne?
- 14 A. The first time he called me in there I talked to him
- 15 and I really didn't talk about that, because I didn't feel
- 16 comfortable, but Coach Horne came back up there with me and
- 17 helped me talk to him.
- 18 Q. And did you tell him at that point what you had told
- 19 everybody else?
- 20 A. Yes, ma'am.
- 21 Q. And after you talked to Ms. Constance, did you go home
- 22 that day?
- 23 A. Yes, ma'am.
- 24 Q. And what happened when you got home? Who was there?
- 25 A. Constance pulled in.

1 Q. And who was at your house with you?

2 A. Glenn, Melanie, Brandon, and [REDACTED].

3 Q. And what were you doing when Constance arrived?

4 A. I was in the bathroom with my little brother giving him
5 a bath.

6 Q. And when Constance came to the house, was she alone?

7 A. No, ma'am.

8 Q. Who was with her?

9 A. She brought an officer.

10 Q. And did you talk to Constance and that officer about
11 what was going on?

12 A. Yes, ma'am.

13 Q. And after you talked to them, what happened to you?

14 A. We were removed.

15 Q. And where did you go, once you were removed?

16 A. In emergency foster home.

17 Q. And how long did you stay in that emergency foster
18 home?

19 A. A night.

20 Q. And -- excuse me, I'm sorry.

21 And after you left that emergency foster home, where
22 did you go?

23 A. Ms. Fredericks house.

24 Q. Ms. Who?

25 A. Ms. Fredericks.

1 Q. And who is Ms. Fredericks?

2 A. She was my first foster home.

3 Q. Keep your voice up for me a little bit.

4 COURT REPORTER: You can pull that microphone a
5 little closer.

6 BY MS. PATTERSON:

7 Q. How long did you stay with Ms. Fredericks?

8 A. Ma'am?

9 Q. How long did you stay with Ms. Fredericks?

10 A. For two months.

11 Q. And where did you go after that?

12 A. I went to Ms. Karen's house.

13 Q. And who was Ms. Karen?

14 A. She was a foster mom.

15 Q. And how long did you stay with Ms. Karen?

16 A. Probably three months, until school got out.

17 Q. And then once school was out, where did you go?

18 A. I went to a group home in Aiken.

19 Q. And how was it living in that group home?

20 A. It was terrible.

21 Q. And how long did you stay in that group home?

22 A. I was there for almost a year.

23 Q. And what happened to you after that?

24 A. I got adopted.

25 Q. So you held this terrible secret in for years?

1 A. Yes, ma'am.

2 Q. But then when you finally told people, you had to
3 retell this story about how many times now?

4 A. A lot.

5 Q. And how has it been for you retelling this story?

6 A. It makes me feel better that I got it out, but it's
7 embarrassing.

8 Q. And how do you feel today about getting it out?

9 A. I feel a lot better, because I know that -- they know
10 that -- I know that he knows that I have got it out and
11 that's all that matters to me.

12 Q. And what you have said on that jury stand and told us,
13 has it been the absolute truth?

14 A. Yes, ma'am.

15 MS. PATTERSON: Beg the court's indulgence, Your
16 Honor.

17 (Off the record)

18 (Back on the record)

19 BY MS. PATTERSON:

20 Q. Now, you said that you went to several schools?

21 A. Yes, ma'am.

22 Q. And at first you went to the Gilbert schools?

23 A. Yes, ma'am.

24 Q. Through the 4th grade?

25 A. Uh-huh.

- 1 Q. And how were your grades during that time?
- 2 THE COURT: Just a minute.
- 3 You have to say yes or no. He can't take down an
- 4 uh-huh, so yes or no.
- 5 A. Yes, ma'am.
- 6 BY MS. PATTERSON:
- 7 Q. And how were your grades during that time?
- 8 A. They were good.
- 9 Q. And then you went to the Batesburg schools?
- 10 A. Yes, ma'am.
- 11 Q. Through the 5th grade? Starting at the 5th grade?
- 12 A. Yes, ma'am.
- 13 Q. And how were your grades during that time?
- 14 A. 6th grade they were really good.
- 15 7th grade they got off..
- 16 And in 8th grade they got better.
- 17 Q. And why did they get off in the 7th grade?
- 18 A. That's when I told my mom.
- 19 Q. And when you were in the group home in Aiken, how were
- 20 your grades?
- 21 A. I had A's and B's.
- 22 Q. And now are you on track in school?
- 23 A. Yes, ma'am.
- 24 Q. You are expected to graduate next year?
- 25 A. Yes, ma'am.

1 Q. Thank you, [REDACTED].

2 Please answer any questions the defense may have.

3 MR. WILLIAMS: May it please the court?

4 CROSS EXAMINATION BY MR. WILLIAMS:

5 Q. Ms. [REDACTED], you indicated that you told your story a
6 lot --

7 A. Yes, sir.

8 Q. -- recently.

9 How many times do you think that you have told your
10 story?

11 A. Numerous.

12 Q. Twenty-five times?

13 A. Probably not that much.

14 Q. Has it always been consistent?

15 A. Yes, sir.

16 Q. So it's never varied in any way whatsoever?

17 A. No, sir.

18 Q. Let me just take you back to your original testimony
19 about when this occurred.

20 As I understand, it occurred when you were how old?

21 A. Eight.

22 Q. And you were in what grade?

23 A. I can't remember exactly what grade I was in. I just
24 know that I lived back behind my grandma's house in Gilbert.

25 Q. Well, since you have told your story so many times,

1 let's think about, all right?

2 You were sixteen now, right? Right?

3 A. Yes, sir.

4 Q. And you are in the 9th grade -- no, you are in the 11th
5 grade, aren't you?

6 A. Yes, sir.

7 Q. So if you were eight at the time, that would be eight
8 grades back, wouldn't it?

9 A. Yes, sir.

10 Q. So if you subtract eight from eleven, then what do you
11 get?

12 A. Three.

13 Q. All right. So you would have been in the 3rd grade
14 when this first happened?

15 A. (Shaking head yes).

16 Q. Is that right?

17 A. Yes, sir.

18 Q. All right. So you were in the 3rd grade when it
19 started.

20 And I believe you said that this happened three times a
21 month?

22 A. Yes, sir, about.

23 Q. Well --

24 A. I'm not exactly sure. I didn't keep count.

25 Q. All right. It happened three times a month. So -- and

1 that continued up until you moved to your new house or the
2 new house at the lake, right?

3 A. Yes, sir.

4 Q. So if you take it three times a month, that's --

5 When did you move to the new house at the lake?

6 A. 5th grade.

7 Q. All right. So you figure twenty-four months and it
8 happened three times a month, what? Seventy-two times?

9 A. It was a lot.

10 Q. Seventy-two times?

11 A. It wasn't that much.

12 Q. And every time that it happened, it always happened
13 when your brother and your father would be at the house and
14 it would be just the two of them, and your mother would
15 never be present, is that right?

16 A. She walked in on it one time.

17 Q. She walked in on it?

18 What happened when she waked in on it, when your mother
19 walked in on it and saw it?

20 A. The light was out and she just turned around and walked
21 right back out.

22 Q. So you are saying that your mother actually saw this
23 happen and didn't do anything about it?

24 A. Yes, sir. I'm not sure that she knew exactly what was
25 going on, but she walked in.

1 Q. And when did this happen that she walked in and saw
2 this happen?

3 A. When we lived back behind my grandma.

4 Q. Well, what grade were you in when this happened?

5 A. It was the 3rd, 4th.

6 Q. Did it happen the last time that you left before you
7 went to the lake?

8 A. I can't remember exactly what time.

9 Q. And when your mother walked in and saw this happening,
10 what did you tell her about it?

11 A. I didn't say anything. I was afraid.

12 Q. What did she say about it when she was watching you
13 have this act?

14 A. She didn't say anything. She wasn't in there that
15 long.

16 Q. Well, how long was she in there?

17 A. She just walked in and walked right back out.

18 Q. But clearly you remember her coming in when this was
19 going on?

20 A. Yes, sir.

21 Q. And she didn't say a thing about it?

22 A. No, sir.

23 Q. And then the first time that you had the occasion to
24 talk to anybody about this was when you were living at the
25 lake and you talked to your mother in your bedroom, is that

1 right?

2 A. Yes, sir.

3 Q. And there was nothing going on special that day?

4 A. No, sir.

5 Q. Are you sure that this didn't happen on your older
6 brother's sixteenth birthday?

7 A. I'm positive.

8 Q. And you didn't have -- you weren't concerned about the
9 fact that your older brother had gotten a car that day for
10 his birthday, were you?

11 A. No.

12 Q. And you weren't concerned that you weren't able to
13 drive or anything like that?

14 A. No, sir.

15 Q. And you weren't ever jealous of your brother about how
16 he was treated differently than you were?

17 A. No, sir.

18 Q. You never had any problems with that?

19 A. No, sir.

20 Q. And then -- I think you have already -- you have
21 already talked about the fact that your grades were always
22 good?

23 A. For the most part.

24 Q. A's and B's.

25 So these terrible things that were happening to you at

1 the house did not influence your schoolwork?

2 A. I was always quiet in school and I didn't really talk
3 to anyone.

4 Q. But they certainly didn't influence your schoolwork and
5 cause you any problems whatsoever?

6 A. No, sir.

7 Q. The only problem you ever had is when you told your
8 mother, is that right?

9 A. Yes, sir, in my 9th grade.

10 Q. In your 9th grade year.

11 Well, let's go to the schools that you were in. What
12 grades were you in which schools?

13 A. I can't remember. I just know I went to Batesburg in
14 the 5th grade.

15 Q. Batesburg Elementary?

16 A. Yes, sir.

17 Q. And then is there a Batesburg-Leesville middle school?

18 A. Yes, sir.

19 Q. And what grades would those be?

20 A. It's 6th -- it's 6th grade through 8th.

21 Q. All right. And then there is a Batesburg-Leesville
22 High School, which is at a different location, isn't there?

23 A. Yes, sir.

24 Q. And is it your testimony that everything was fine up
25 until you got to the 9th grade in high school?

1 A. My 7th grade year was not that good. My 9th grade year
2 wasn't that good.

3 Q. So you had two years that weren't that good?

4 A. Yes, sir.

5 Q. All right. And when did you tell your mother?

6 A. 7th grade.

7 Q. All right. And so that wasn't good that year.

8 And then your reason why your grades weren't good in
9 the 9th grade was because, what?

10 A. I had a lot going on. I got in trouble one time in
11 high school.

12 Q. Well, let's talk about that trouble that you got in.

13 A. Well, it was my brother's older friends, their
14 girlfriends. They convinced me to skip school with them and
15 I told them I would -- like yeah, I will go, because my
16 older brother had skipped school plenty of times and he
17 never got punished for it. So I was like well, I guess I
18 can do it too. And when I did, I heard their names get
19 called on announcements the next morning to go to
20 discipline, and then they didn't call my name and I was
21 wondering why, and I never got in trouble before in high
22 school. So I went up to Coach Carey and I told him what I
23 did and I told him I felt bad for it, and he let me off and
24 only gave me two days ISS, I think it was.

25 Q. And that's the only trouble that you got into with your

1 parents?

2 A. They didn't discipline me for it.

3 Q. They didn't?

4 A. No.

5 Q. And --

6 A. I don't think they really cared.

7 Q. You didn't sneak off to the doctor's office and get
8 doctor's excuses to turn them into the school so that you
9 wouldn't have to show up at school?

10 A. No, sir.

11 Q. And how were your grades in the 9th grade?

12 A. They -- my first semester wasn't good at all.

13 Q. Well, let's talk about how bad it was.

14 A. My math grade was really low. It was mostly because
15 my -- I was up all night taking care of my little brother
16 because he was put on sleeping pills during the day so they
17 wouldn't have to put up with him, so I was up all night. I
18 was tired during school. I didn't feel like I could do it
19 and my grades were terrible --

20 Q. So --

21 A. So the second semester came around. I passed the one
22 class first semester and that was the ROTC.

23 Q. So out of all the classes you took in the 9th grade,
24 the only class that you passed was ROTC?

25 A. No, sir, my second semester I recovered all my classes

1 when I left.

2 Q. The first semester you didn't pass any of your
3 classes --

4 A. I passed one.

5 Q. -- except ROTC?

6 A. Yes, sir.

7 Q. All right. And that didn't have --

8 How many days did you miss from school that first
9 semester?

10 A. I don't know. My mom would get me out of school to
11 take care of my little brother.

12 Q. So it's your mom's fault that you weren't in school?

13 A. No, sir. She would get me out. If I needed to go --
14 if I needed to watch my little brother, if he missed the
15 bus, that's what she would do.

16 Q. How many days that you simply not go to school and your
17 mother and father didn't know where you were?

18 A. None.

19 Q. None?

20 Did you ever sneak out of the house?

21 A. No, sir.

22 Q. Did you ever go to locations and your mom and dad not
23 know where you were?

24 A. No, sir.

25 Q. Did he ever go to the beach with friends and they

1 didn't know you were at the beach?

2 A. No, sir.

3 Q. Is it your testimony that you were not on probation
4 with your parents in 2011, when this story came out; that
5 your father had taken away your cell phone?

6 A. I don't understand your question.

7 Q. Didn't your father take away --

8 THE COURT: Hold on, counsel.

9 One question at a time and let the witness
10 respond. Don't ask multiple questions so the witness can
11 respond.

12 MR. WILLIAMS: Yes, sir.

13 THE COURT: Proceed.

14 BY MR. WILLIAMS:

15 Q. Didn't your father take away your privileges because
16 you were not behaving right at home?

17 A. No, sir.

18 Q. He didn't take away your cell phone privileges?

19 A. They didn't -- sometimes they wouldn't pay my payments
20 on my minutes because they didn't have the money. They used
21 it for other reasons.

22 Q. They didn't take away your cell phone?

23 A. No.

24 Q. They didn't require you to go back to your room and not
25 go out?

1 A. No, sir.

2 Q. So when you got all these F's, your parents didn't
3 respond in any particular way? They didn't get --

4 A. I came -- I came home with my report card and I was in
5 tears, because I had seen myself going down a road that I
6 seen my older brother go down and he dropped out and I
7 didn't want to do that. I knew I had to do something with
8 my life, and I was crying. And I showed my parents and my
9 dad looked at me and he said "it's all right. Everyone
10 makes an F sometimes. I made F's in school," but to me
11 that's not what I wanted to hear.

12 Q. So your parents didn't have any trouble with the F's
13 that you got?

14 A. They really didn't care. He told me that everyone
15 makes an F.

16 Q. After you made your report to the -- what --

17 Let me ask you this. Let me go --

18 It's your testimony that when your mother took you for
19 a meeting with your grandmother --

20 A. My mom and my dad took me.

21 Q. So your dad was in the car with you at the time?

22 A. Yes, sir.

23 Q. And when you went to see your grandmother and your
24 grandmother confronted you about these allegations, wanting
25 to know if they were true or not, is that right?

1 A. Yes, sir.

2 Q. Is it your testimony that you did not say "no, they are
3 not true. I lied."

4 A. I never said that.

5 Q. Now, you have lots of friends that you could confide --
6 you said you couldn't confide because you were scared and
7 you couldn't confide with your mother, is that right?

8 A. Yes, sir...

9 Q. But she was close to you? She was like a girlfriend?

10 A. Sometimes she was, sometimes she wasn't.

11 Q. And you never felt comfortable confiding with your
12 mother up until what year?

13 A. Up until the 7th grade.

14 Q. 7th grade?

15 A. (Shaking head yes).

16 Q. And this --

17 THE COURT: Just a moment.

18 You have to say yes or no, not nod that head.

19 THE WITNESS: Sorry.

20 BY MR. WILLIAMS:

21 Q. 7th grade?

22 A. Yes, sir.

23 Q. And when you told her, she was all upset, wasn't she?

24 A. Yes, sir.

25 Q. And you went to stay with a friend of yours for how

1 many days?

2 A. About two months.

3 Q. Two months?

4 Now, she just picked you up one day after two months
5 and took you to your grandmother's house?

6 A. Her and Glenn did.

7 Q. Just took you there, and then you had this conversation
8 with grandma?

9 A. Yes, sir.

10 Q. And you told your grandmother that it happened?

11 A. Yes, sir.

12 Q. And you never said that you lied?

13 A. No, sir.

14 Q. And after that your grandmother treated you
15 differently, is that right?

16 A. Yes, sir.

17 Q. Well, now, you had the opportunity to tell your friends
18 that this was going on, didn't you?

19 A. At some point I did.

20 Q. But you never told anybody, did you?

21 A. I told [REDACTED].

22 Q. Well, you had friends that you came home and were
23 saying that they were being abused by their parents, didn't
24 you?

25 A. Some of my friends were.

1 Q. Some of your friends were being abused by their
2 parents?

3 A. That's what they said.

4 Q. And you brought those friends to your mother and
5 father's house?

6 A. Yes, sir.

7 Q. Now, why would you take children that you thought were
8 being abused in any way to your parents house, because you
9 obviously were being abused, right?

10 A. They wouldn't -- they wouldn't do anything around them.
11 They were totally different people behind closed doors.

12 Q. Well, did you tell those friends that were being abused
13 that they needed to go to law enforcement?

14 A. Yes, sir.

15 Q. How many friends did you have that were being abused by
16 their parents?

17 A. I had one and her name was ██████████.

18 Q. So she was being sexually abused also?

19 A. Not sexually.

20 Q. How was she being abused?

21 A. She told me that her father had thrown hot coffee on
22 her in the morning. She was -- she -- right now she's on
23 the down road. I don't talk to her any more.

24 Q. How many parents -- I mean how many friends of your
25 have been sexually abused, that you are aware of?

1 A. None.

2 Q. Well, after you had this meeting, you say everything
3 got a little strange with your grandmother?

4 A. Yes, sir.

5 Q. Well, didn't you go stay with your uncle up in Virginia
6 that summer?

7 A. I think so.

8 Q. Do you know who I'm talking about?

9 A. Yes, sir.

10 Q. What's your uncle's name?

11 A. Uncle Mike.

12 Q. Is he in the courtroom now?

13 A. Yes, sir.

14 Q. How long did you stay with your uncle up in Virginia?

15 A. Gosh, two weeks, maybe.

16 Q. Did you have a good time?

17 A. Yes, sir.

18 Q. Did you tell your uncle what had happened?

19 A. No, sir.

20 Q. Well, you obviously would have been -- you were in a
21 safe environment, weren't you?

22 A. I had told him one time before something that was going
23 on at the house where my father was going down the road and
24 he was drunk and he was high and he was driving and he kind
25 of like phased out and was swerving off the road and I

1 screamed, because I was scared, and he just like reached up
2 and popped me in the face. And I told my uncle and he told
3 my grandmother --

4 Q. You felt comfortable talking to your uncle?

5 A. Uh-uh.

6 Q. So that's why you didn't talk to --

7 THE COURT: Just a moment.

8 You got to say yes or no, ma'am.

9 BY MR. WILLIAMS:

10 Q. Is that right?

11 THE COURT: Repeat your question, counsel, and
12 give her an opportunity to respond orally so she doesn't
13 shake her head.

14 BY MR. WILLIAMS:

15 Q. You felt comfortable talking to your uncle?

16 A. Not really, not after that.

17 Q. Because you didn't feel that your uncle believed
18 everything that you said, did you?

19 A. He went and told my grandma, like everyone else did.

20 Q. So it's a conspiracy between all of your relatives
21 against you?

22 A. They are all -- I feel like -- personally I feel like
23 grandma has got control over all of them.

24 Q. How old is your grandmother?

25 A. How old is she?

1 Q. Yeah, how old is she?

2 A. I don't know, like seventy-seven.

3 Q. How about your grand-daddy?

4 A. I don't know. He passed away.

5 Q. When did he pass away?

6 A. 2000 -- oh, god, a couple years ago.

7 Q. Did you ever express to these individuals out here that
8 you wish you could stay in a better place that had -- where
9 people had more money and cars and things like that?

10 A. No.

11 Q. You were never concerned about those types of things?

12 A. No, sir.

13 Q. Now, do you remember talking to the police officer and
14 giving him a written statement about what occurred?

15 A. Yes, sir.

16 Q. That would be -- that would be Officer Longshore, right
17 here?

18 A. Yes, sir.

19 Q. Detective Longshore.

20 Do you remember telling him how many times this thing
21 happened?

22 A. Yes, sir.

23 Q. How many times did you tell him it happened?

24 A. I can't remember exactly.

25 Q. You didn't tell him three times a month for two years?

1 A. It was probably around that. Maybe it didn't happen
2 every month, but --

3 THE COURT: Counsel --

4 A. It was very --

5 THE COURT: -- if you want to approach the
6 witness --

7 MR. WILLIAMS: I'm sorry, Your Honor.

8 THE COURT: -- ask permission of the court.

9 MR. WILLIAMS: May I approach, Your Honor?

10 THE COURT: You may.

11 BY MR. WILLIAMS:

12 Q. Ma'am, let me ask you to look from the second page.

13 Do you remember giving a written statement?

14 A. Yes, sir.

15 Q. Would looking at that written statement refresh your
16 memory in reference to what you told Detective Longshore?

17 A. Yes, sir.

18 Q. All right. Well, how many times did you tell Detective
19 Longshore that you had sex?

20 A. It was about six or seven times.

21 Q. So which is correct now? Is it six or seven times, or
22 is it three times a month for two years?

23 A. It didn't happen every single month. It was very
24 occasionally.

25 Q. So when I was discussing with you and doing the math

1 and got to seventy-two, why didn't you correct me and say
2 oh, no, no, no, no, no, no, it's six or seven times?

3 A. Well --

4 MR. WILLIAMS: May I approach, Your Honor?

5 THE COURT: You may.

6 BY MR. WILLIAMS:

7 Q. Now, you said the first time that it happened -- or
8 every time it happened your brother was always there?

9 A. For the most time he was.

10 Q. Your brother didn't come in? You didn't tell your
11 brother?

12 A. No, sir.

13 Q. He couldn't see what was going on?

14 A. No, sir, the door was closed.

15 Q. Were you close with your brother?

16 A. Not really.

17 Q. And because you weren't close with your brother, that's
18 why you didn't tell your brother?

19 A. That, and I was scared.

20 Q. Scared of your father?

21 A. I was told not to tell anyone and I didn't. I knew
22 what he was capable of.

23 Q. Before -- is it your testimony that you were not --
24 that you didn't love your daddy after this happened?

25 A. Sir?

1 Q. Is it your testimony that you didn't love your daddy
2 after this happened?

3 A. I don't understand what you are asking.

4 Q. Well, that's not hard.

5 A. Are you --

6 Q. After this happened did you love your daddy?

7 A. I mean, yeah, he's my father.

8 Q. And you were afraid of him?

9 A. Yes, sir.

10 Q. So you wouldn't have written poems about him in school
11 and talked about how a great dad he was?

12 A. I can't remember.

13 Q. Are you saying you did, or didn't do it? You just
14 can't remember?

15 A. I mean, I probably did.

16 Q. Probably did.

17 A. I wanted everyone at school to think that I had a good
18 life. I didn't want anyone to know.

19 Q. But you had this secret life where you were being
20 abused?

21 A. Yes, sir.

22 Q. Do you remember when you gave your written statement to
23 Detective Longshore?

24 A. Yes, sir.

25 MR. WILLIAMS: May I approach, Your Honor?

1 THE COURT: You may.

2 Step back so the jury can see the witness, and
3 proceed.

4 BY MR. WILLIAMS:

5 Q. Would you read that first page and tell me how many
6 times you told Detective Longshore that this occurred that
7 year when your mother was at work?

8 A. Three times.

9 Q. Thank you.

10 MR. WILLIAMS: May I approach?

11 THE COURT: You may.

12 A. Approximately.

13 BY MR. WILLIAMS:

14 Q. So it's no longer three times a month? It's three
15 times in a year, approximately, is that right?

16 A. Yes, sir.

17 Q. Now, on those three times was it done the same way?

18 A. For the most part.

19 Q. Now, how old were you when this happened the first
20 time?

21 A. Eight years old.

22 Q. When did it happen when you were eight?

23 A. When?

24 Q. Uh-huh.

25 A. I can't remember exactly.

1 Q. How is it that you remember that you were eight?

2 A. Because I lived back behind my grandma.

3 Q. Well, you -- did you live behind your grandmother when
4 you were seven?

5 A. I can't remember exactly. We moved a lot before.

6 Q. So could you have been seven when it happened?

7 A. Sir?

8 Q. Could you have been seven when it happened?

9 A. It's approximately. I'm not sure exactly.

10 Q. Could you have been six?

11 A. No, sir.

12 Q. Why is it that you don't remember -- you don't remember
13 any month that it happened?

14 A. All these years all I have done is trying to forget it.

15 Q. So if your father was trying to figure out where he was
16 on that particular day, he would have three years to look
17 at, wouldn't he? He wouldn't know when it happened?

18 You don't know a month. Was it summertime?

19 A. Probably. I'm not sure exactly.

20 Q. Now, you said that -- it's your testimony that you
21 didn't tell your -- that it's untrue that you didn't leave
22 the house and go to the beach and your parents not know
23 where you were?

24 A. Yes, sir.

25 Q. Why did you get moved around from the foster homes?

1 A. There was different problems.

2 Q. What kind of problems?

3 A. Which foster home?

4 Q. Your first foster home.

5 A. The first foster home I wanted to be with family, so
6 they sent me to a family.

7 Q. And what happened then? Why did you not fit in?

8 A. I was their first foster child. And when I was there,
9 my mom -- I had got a phone -- or a text that my biological
10 mom had committed suicide.

11 She seen that I was upset about it and she told me that
12 she didn't take too well to drama, and so I went upstairs
13 and I called my aunt Paula and asked her to call the
14 hospital to see if she was there, and she was there, and she
15 had overdosed.

16 After that we just -- she got mad at me because I
17 believed and I actually went and called my aunt and told her
18 to call and see if she was there and it turned out she was
19 there and we just didn't really click.

20 Q. Didn't really click?

21 A. No.

22 Q. She thought you were over-dramatic?

23 A. I was upset about it.

24 Q. What about the second foster home?

25 A. That was -- that was my third.

1 Q. That was your third?

2 A. Mrs. Katherine was my second, and then I went to my
3 third, which was Ms. Karen.

4 Q. Which one were you describing?

5 A. My second.

6 Q. What happened at your first foster home?

7 A. I wanted to be with a family, so they put me in there.
8 My first foster home was an emergency shelter.

9 Q. All right. And then you had the family and that didn't
10 work.

11 Then you went to another foster home. What happened in
12 that one?

13 A. She had a doublewide and she had about nine kids. She
14 had two one year olds and it was just too much.

15 Q. Too much?

16 A. So when summer came they move me to Aiken.

17 Q. It wasn't your decision?

18 A. No, sir.

19 Q. You didn't -- you didn't not like it because it wasn't
20 a big enough house for you, or anything like that?

21 A. I mean, it was just all these little kids all around
22 all the time and they were just -- I got yelled at because
23 my room was dirty, but a big TV was in my room. All the
24 game systems were in my room. The kids were in my room all
25 the time because they wanted to be in there to play the

1 games.

2 Q. Is that the last foster home?

3 A. No, sir.

4 Q. Then you had the other one that --

5 A. Fredericks home.

6 Q. And then you got to live with your aunt?

7 A. Yes, sir.

8 MR. WILLIAMS: That's all questions that I have,
9 Your Honor.

10 THE COURT: Redirect.

11 REDIRECT EXAMINATION BY MS. PATTERSON:

12 Q. Now, [REDACTED] when your daddy was sexually assaulting
13 you, was your mom always at work?

14 A. Most of the time, yes, ma'am, or she was gone.

15 Q. She was gone out of the house?

16 A. Yes, ma'am.

17 Q. And each time that he would do this, did you -- would
18 you keep count?

19 A. No, sir -- I mean no, ma'am.

20 Q. Was it something that you went and wrote in your diary?

21 A. No, ma'am.

22 Q. Was it something that you went and wrote on a calendar?

23 A. No, ma'am.

24 Q. And you remember when you were in the 5th grade you
25 went to Gilbert Elementary?

1 A. Yes. Well, I moved to Batesburg that year for 5th
2 grade.

3 Q. I apologize.

4 You were -- when you were in the 3rd grade, you went to
5 Gilbert?

6 A. Yes, ma'am.

7 Q. Fourth grade you went to Gilbert?

8 A. Yes, ma'am.

9 Q. You were living at Sandpit?

10 A. Yes, ma'am.

11 Q. And 3rd grade you were eight or nine years old?

12 A. Yes, ma'am.

13 Q. And why is it -- or do you know why in your statement
14 with Detective Longshore you may not have been certain about
15 how many times?

16 A. I didn't keep count.

17 Q. Thank you.

18 THE COURT: Is that everything, counsel?

19 MS. PATTERSON: Your Honor, I would ask that this
20 witness be subject to reply.

21 THE COURT: Well, just a moment, counsel. We
22 hadn't finished.

23 Recross limited to redirect?

24 MR. WILLIAMS: No questions on recross, Your
25 Honor.

1 jury panel)

2 THE COURT: All right, Mr. Foreman, ladies and
3 gentlemen of the jury, you have heard the evidence from the
4 State of South Carolina. We will now hear from the
5 defendant.

6 Counsel, you may call your first witness.

7 MR. WILLIAMS: May it please the court, we call
8 Melanie Vanover.

9 THE COURT: Ms. Vanover, please come forward and
10 be sworn by the clerk.

11 MELANIE VANOVER, having been first duly sworn,
12 testified as follows:

13 THE CLERK: Have a seat, please, ma'am.

14 Once you are seated, please speak up loud and
15 clear, stating your full name on the record, spelling your
16 last.

17 THE WITNESS: My name is Melanie Vanover.

18 THE COURT: Spell you last name for us.

19 THE WITNESS: V-A-N-O-V-E-R.

20 THE COURT: Very well.

21 Your witness, counsel.

22 DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MR. WILLIAMS:

23 Q. All right. Ms. Vanover, with whom are you married?

24 A. Glenn Vanover.

25 Q. How long have you been married to Glenn Vanover?

1 A. Twenty-one years.

2 Q. How many children do you have?

3 A. Three.

4 Q. What are their names and ages?

5 A. Brandon Glenn Vanover, [REDACTED], and
6 [REDACTED].

7 Q. And their ages?

8 A. Brandon is twenty, [REDACTED] is sixteen, and [REDACTED] is
9 eight.

10 Q. Now, are you employed?

11 A. Yes, I am.

12 Q. And where are you employed at?

13 A. Agape Senior Care.

14 Q. And what do you do with Agape Senior Care?

15 A. I'm a caregiver.

16 Q. Now, where have you --

17 When did you marry Glenn?

18 A. When did I marry him?

19 Q. Yeah, what year.

20 A. Wow, that's been so long.

21 1991.

22 Q. All right. And were you living in Lexington County
23 when you gave birth to [REDACTED]?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. All right. And she now goes by a different name,

1 doesn't she?

2 A. Yes, she does.

3 Q. Now, where were you living in Lexington County, I
4 guess, when you gave birth to her?

5 A. When I --

6 Q. What address?

7 A. When I gave birth to [REDACTED], we were living at [REDACTED]
8 [REDACTED], West Columbia.

9 Q. All right. You have heard the two locations from your
10 daughter today?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. When did you move to the locations that we have heard
13 about today?

14 A. When we moved behind my mother, we decided to move out
15 there so I could help her, because she wasn't doing well
16 mentally and -- we moved out there, I believe -- let's see,
17 I believe [REDACTED] was seven.

18 Q. All right. What address is that?

19 A. That's [REDACTED].

20 Q. That's the first address that we heard about?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. And that location is behind your mother's house, is
23 that correct?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. Now, during this time span up until the time, where was

1 the next place that you moved to? Was that the lake, is
2 that right?

3 A. [REDACTED]

4 Q. When did you move there?

5 A. I think we stayed behind mom's about two years.

6 Q. Then you moved to the lake?

7 A. Uh-huh, yeah.

8 Q. Now, during that time span did you have any problems at
9 all in regards to [REDACTED] in school? Did she do well in
10 school?

11 A. [REDACTED] has always done well in school until she hit
12 high school, and then it was just really downhill. She got
13 in with the wrong crowd. And, you know, we tried to give
14 her structure, put her in ROTC. And then --

15 I guess the way it works when you are in school and you
16 get injured and you are in ROTC, that you have to take your
17 child to the doctor. And that was like -- I bet we had like
18 seven incident reports. It was always something.

19 Q. So up until the time that your child was in high
20 school, for academic proudness or ability was good? She did
21 well?

22 A. Excellent. Good Citizen Award. Excellent. She was a
23 very happy child, outgoing.

24 Q. Did you ever have the occasion when she came to you and
25 said that something was going on or that she was being

1 assaulted --

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. -- or that something was wrong?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. What is the first date that this occurred, that this
6 date that you were informed of this occurred?

7 A. It was my son's sixteenth birthday.

8 Q. Now, was there any time before your son's sixteenth
9 birthday when you walked into a bedroom and found your
10 husband engaged with a sexual act with your daughter?

11 A. Absolutely not.

12 Q. Now, are you sure that this occasion that your daughter
13 told you these things was on your son's sixteenth birthday?

14 A. Yeah, I was --

15 Glenn had made hamburgers and hot dogs for his friends
16 and he had got a car for his birthday. [REDACTED] wanted to
17 ride off with him and the boys and Glenn wouldn't let her,
18 because he said that she is in a different age group, which
19 I agreed with that.

20 And I was putting things up in the kitchen and [REDACTED]
21 ran in the house and she said "mom, I need to talk to you."

22 And I said "okay, give me a minute. Let me finish here
23 and I'll be in there in a minute."

24 She -- I went in her bedroom. I said "what's going
25 on?"

1 And she said "dad is sexually abusing me."

2 Q. What did you say?

3 A. It hit me like a ton of bricks. I mean, I started
4 crying. She showed no emotion whatsoever.

5 I asked her, you know, "what is he doing? What's going
6 on," and she said he's just -- "he's touching me and saying
7 bad things to me and he's molesting me."

8 And -- and I was just really, really upset.

9 And I got in a big argument with my husband and he was
10 like, "you know, are you really going to believe something
11 like that? You know me."

12 And I do know him and I don't believe for a second that
13 he would do those things, but this is my daughter, you know,
14 and so I took precaution.

15 And [REDACTED] said that she could go to [REDACTED]'s house,
16 and so I didn't argue, and that was -- you know, I just went
17 ahead. I took her to [REDACTED]'s house.

18 Q. Now, who is [REDACTED]?

19 A. A friend of [REDACTED]'s.

20 Q. And how long did she stay at [REDACTED]'s house?

21 A. Three days.

22 Q. All right. And during that three day time span did you
23 further talk with your daughter about the allegations of
24 sexual abuse?

25 A. Over the phone.

1 Q. And did you get differing tales?

2 A. Yes, I did.

3 Q. What do you mean?

4 A. I said, "[REDACTED], how old were you when this first
5 started happening?"

6 And she said, "I was two to six."

7 And I was like "two?", you know, because that just blew
8 my mind. You know, two years old?

9 And she is like, "well, no, mom, it was eight to ten."

10 You know, just different times she would give me.

11 Q. So what did you decide to do?

12 A. My husband was very upset.

13 He had called his mom and he asked me if I would agree
14 to meet over at her house and try to work this out, and so I
15 said that yeah, I would do that.

16 Q. So what did you do?

17 A. I picked her up from school and I didn't tell her where
18 we were going, but the closest we got to her grandmother's
19 she realized where we were going.

20 And when we pulled up in the driveway she didn't want
21 to get out of the car. And I said "[REDACTED], you know, this
22 has to be taken care of. If your dad needs to go to jail,
23 he needs to go to jail. Then we are going to have to move
24 in with my mom."

25 And, you know, she was like "I'm not doing that. I'm

1 not moving in with grandma."

2 And I said, "well, we will have to for a little while."

3 And so we went inside, sat around the table, and

4 Margaret, my mother-in-law, she said, "you know, [REDACTED],
5 what's really going on here?"

6 And [REDACTED] said that her dad was sexually abusing her
7 and molesting her.

8 And Margaret said, "okay, look, if he is doing that,
9 then he is going to jail. He is going to jail right now."

10 And she said -- she didn't really say anything when she
11 said that..

12 And then Margaret said, "well, what we will do is I'll
13 just -- I will have a lie detector test done. We will get
14 this taken care of right now."

15 And she did not want to do that. She did not want to
16 live with my mom. She did not want to do -- let -- make him
17 take a lie detector test.

18 Q. Well, now, what was the -- what was the upkeep with --
19 how did y'all leave it? What happened?

20 A. [REDACTED] finally admitted that she was lying.

21 Q. Now, you are sure about that?

22 A. Absolutely positive.

23 Q. So then what happened?

24 A. Glenn was very upset. He left the table.

25 Me and Margaret stayed and we talked to her and we were

1 talking to her about how important it is not to accuse
2 people of these things, because they are very serious
3 allegations, and then we left the house and it was kind of
4 back to normal.

5 Q. All right. Now, that was how many years before the
6 allegations resurfaced?

7 A. I guess about three.

8 Q. Well, did they resurface before February of 2011, or is
9 that the next time that they resurfaced?

10 A. That was the next time.

11 Q. All right. She was in what the school now? She's
12 at --

13 A. Batesburg High School.

14 Q. What grade?

15 A. 9th.

16 Q. How were her grades then?

17 A. [REDACTED] was failing everything.

18 Q. And did you and your husband have the occasion to go to
19 Batesburg-Leesville High School about it?

20 A. All the time. All the time. It was an incident after
21 another incident. You know, just --

22 I mean, I got in trouble at work because of it, you
23 know, taking so much time off.

24 Q. Well, now, did you ever find out whether or not she had
25 been attending school or not?

1 A. We found out that -- there's a doctor's office in
2 Batesburg-Leesville. What [REDACTED] was doing is she was
3 getting on the bus and she would go to the high school and
4 she would get with [REDACTED] and they would go to Dr.
5 Count's office and they would get doctor's excuses. And
6 then they go straight back to the school and give it to the
7 school, so say we wouldn't be calling. At least that's the
8 excuse the school gave me is why they didn't call us, they
9 had an excuse.

10 Q. How did your husband react to that type of -- to what
11 was happening with your daughter? What did he do?

12 A. We called it lockdown.

13 Q. What does lockdown mean?

14 A. No phone. No TV. Just your bed and books. You come
15 in from school, you go to your room. You come out to eat,
16 you go to your room.

17 Q. And how long did this lockdown go underway before this
18 February of 2011 accusation arose?

19 A. About two weeks, I guess.

20 Q. And so she was still on lockdown when this came out?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. Did she ask you to be off lockdown?

23 A. Oh, yeah. She had teachers calling, you know, Glenn
24 saying "you know, I made a hundred today. You know, can I
25 get off restriction now?"

1 And, you know, my husband was like, "no, not until your
2 next report card."

3 Q. Now, are you still living with your husband?

4 A. Yes, I am.

5 Q. Do you have any intention on leaving your husband?

6 A. No, I do not.

7 Q. Your daughter is adopted now, right?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. Do you still care about her?

10 A. (Shaking head yes).

11 THE COURT: You have to say yes or no, ma'am.

12 A. Yes.

13 BY MR. WILLIAMS:

14 Q. Answer any questions that the solicitor may have for
15 you.

16 A. The last thing that she told me was she would make me a
17 patient. That's the last words she ever said to me.

18 CROSS EXAMINATION BY MS. PATTERSON:

19 Q. Ms. Vanover, you are not close to your side of the
20 family, are you?

21 A. No.

22 Q. You never even took your children around that side of
23 the family much, did you?

24 A. Just Christmas. A hay ride for Halloween, different
25 things like that.

1 Q. And you had to go to Batesburg-Leesville High School
2 often, but that was for Brandon, not [REDACTED], right?

3 A. It was for [REDACTED] too.

4 Q. And at one point you lived with your mother, Ms.
5 Richburg, didn't you?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. And how long did you live with her?

8 A. I don't really know. About three months.

9 Q. And do you remember what year that was?

10 A. I don't recall at this time.

11 Q. Was it after you have lived --

12 A. Behind her.

13 Q. -- behind her?

14 A. Yes, ma'am.

15 Q. And before you moved to the lake?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. And the house at the lake, that belongs to Glenn's
18 mother, right?

19 A. Yes, it does.

20 Q. So she owns the house that you and your family were
21 living in?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. And when [REDACTED] initially told you what happened, you
24 believed her, didn't you?

25 A. I did.

1 Q. And you let her go live with [REDACTED] and her family,
2 didn't you?

3 A. She stayed there for three days, yes.

4 Q. And then this family meeting that you had, Glenn was
5 present, [REDACTED] was present, correct?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. And Glenn's mother, Ms. Vanover, was present?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. And where were you all sitting?

10 A. Excuse me?

11 Q. And it was you three adults and [REDACTED]?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. And y'all were gathered around the dining room table,
14 right?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. And Glenn was sitting directly in front of her, right?

17 A. I'm -- I'm not really sure, but we were all sitting at
18 the table.

19 Q. And you and your mother-in-law questioned her about
20 what she told you, right?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. And you tried to get her to change her story, didn't
23 you?

24 A. No.

25 Q. You threatened that you would have to live back with

1 your mother? You told her that, didn't you?

2 A. It wasn't a threat. That was the truth.

3 Q. You told her if her daddy goes to jail, she would have
4 to live with her grandmother?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. And why did you tell her that?

7 A. Because that's what would have to happen.

8 Q. Were you working then?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. So you were outside of the house a lot?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. You worked the day shift, right?

13 A. Uh-huh.

14 THE COURT: You have to say yes or no.

15 THE WITNESS: I'm sorry.

16 A. Yes.

17 I worked night shift at Blimpie's at that time.

18 BY MS. PATTERSON:

19 Q. And you say [REDACTED] s grades fell off because she fell
20 in with the wrong crowd, right?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. And was part of that wrong crowd her family?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. And [REDACTED] was very close to her little brother [REDACTED],
25 wasn't she?

1 A. No.

2 Q. She never helped you take care of [REDACTED]?

3 A. She wanted as little to do with [REDACTED] as possible.

4 Q. She never showed any concern for [REDACTED]?

5 A. I think that was partly my fault, because when I was
6 working for Generations of Minetta I did pay her \$40.00 a
7 week to watch [REDACTED], and maybe I shouldn't have put that on
8 her. It was just until he went to bed at night. And I
9 think, you know, part of that is my fault.

10 Q. And Brandon's wonderful sixteenth birthday, did y'all
11 have like a big event or something going on?

12 A. Brandon had some friends over and -- he had got a car,
13 a 240-Z, and we just hooked up poles so the kids could go
14 fishing or swimming.

15 Q. And all of this made [REDACTED] jealous?

16 A. She was very jealous of Brandon.

17 Q. So jealous that she would make this up about her own
18 daddy?

19 A. I honestly don't know why she did it.

20 I mean, you would have to ask yourself why did she say
21 that DSS had to put [REDACTED] in the hospital because we
22 overdosed him. I mean, that wasn't true, and she put that
23 on the Internet, you know. I don't know why.

24 Q. And you did attempt suicide, didn't you?

25 A. Yes, I did.

1 Q. And when was that?

2 A. When?

3 Q. Yes.

4 A. After we got back from the trial with DSS.

5 Q. And when Ms. Lambert -- or Ms. Watkins came to your
6 house, you knew exactly what she was talking about, didn't
7 you?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. And as a matter of fact, sometimes you would even throw
10 it up in your husband's face that he should go molest his
11 daughter, wouldn't you?

12 A. No.

13 Q. Did y'all argue a lot?

14 A. We argued, but not a lot.

15 Q. And you are afraid he was going to leave you if you --
16 if he thought that you believed [REDACTED], didn't you?

17 A. No.

18 Q. And with regard to [REDACTED]'s grades, did you try to get
19 her some help?

20 A. Yeah, we did.

21 Q. What kind of help did you try to get [REDACTED]?

22 A. Just went to the school and talked with her teacher.

23 [REDACTED] wasn't interested in school at all.

24 Q. But she didn't have to repeat a grade, did she?

25 A. I -- I don't know after she left the house. She was

1 failing everything. That's all I know.

2 Q. But before that did she ever have to repeat a grade?

3 A. No, uh-uh.

4 Q. Did she ever get --

5 Did you ever have to go in for any teacher conferences
6 or talk to the school resource officer about her conduct?

7 A. Yes, there was some issues with her on the bus, and
8 there was also some issues with her at school.

9 When we put her in ROTC, she didn't take well to
10 direction, and so she would say, you know, she fell and hurt
11 her leg, and so I would have to take off work and go and
12 take her to the doctor numerous, numerous times.

13 Q. And you said when she first told you about what Glenn
14 was doing to her, you just immediately let her go to
15 [REDACTED]'s house, right?

16 A. Excuse me?

17 Q. You just let her go to [REDACTED]'s house, right?

18 A. We talked. A lot was said and done, but, yes, she --

19 It's almost like she had that planned and she had
20 talked to [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] was waiting outside for her.
21 And [REDACTED] didn't show any emotion.

22 And as far as being an abused child, I know what that
23 feels like. I know what that feels like, and [REDACTED] did not
24 have the actions of an abused child. If your father is
25 abusing you, you don't go to him and say "daddy, rub my

1 feet, rush my tummy, rub my head." You know, you just don't
2 do that. You want to get the hell away from there. I'm
3 sorry.

4 Q. And that's what she did by going to [REDACTED]'s house,
5 didn't she?

6 A. She left and went to [REDACTED]'s house.

7 Q. You went back and got her, didn't you?

8 A. Three days later, yes.

9 Q. And you took -- and you took her to a meeting in front
10 of three people, three adults in her family, correct?

11 A. Uh-huh.

12 Q. And y'all questioned that --

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. And y'all questioned that child about what she had
15 confided in you about?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. And you took her back to live with him?

18 A. Yes, I did. She said that she was lying, that it
19 wasn't true, and nothing was ever brought up again until in
20 February.

21 Q. And you stated that you still care for her?

22 A. Yes, I do.

23 Q. Did you ever try to get her back?

24 A. No.

25 Q. Why not?

1 A. [REDACTED] had made a lot of allegations against me too.

2 Q. So you just left your child in foster care?

3 A. I knew that she would be okay with Kenny and Paula.

4 Q. I'm sorry, I didn't hear you.

5 A. I knew that she would be okay with Kenny and Paula.

6 Q. Your family?

7 A. Uh-huh.

8 Q. So you never really --

9 THE COURT: Excuse me, yes or no.

10 A. Yes.

11 BY MS. PATTERSON:

12 Q. So you never really took her around them?

13 A. Christmas, hay rides, stuff like that.

14 Q. But your family stepped in and took your daughter?

15 A. Yes.

16 MS. PATTERSON: Beg the court's indulgence.

17 A. I had to.

18 I did it because of [REDACTED]. I couldn't get him back.
19 That's what they told me, that I needed to give [REDACTED] up to
20 get [REDACTED] back. It was a choice that I had to make.

21 [REDACTED] didn't ask for any of this. He's the one that
22 suffered the most.

23 MS. PATTERSON: Your Honor, no further questions.

24 THE COURT: Redirect?

25 MR. WILLIAMS: No questions, Your Honor, on

1 redirect.

2 THE COURT: As to this witness, counsel?

3 MR. WILLIAMS: We would ask that she be excused,
4 Your Honor.

5 THE COURT: Any objection, solicitor?

6 MS. PATTERSON: None from the State.

7 THE COURT: You may step down. You are excused
8 from the trial of this case.

9 Call your next witness.

10 MR. WILLIAMS: Your Honor, I would call Margaret
11 Vanover.

12 MARGARET VANOVER, having been first duly sworn,
13 testified as follows:

14 THE CLERK: Have a seat up there, please, ma'am.

15 Once you are seated, ma'am, I'm going to need you
16 to speak up loud and clear, stating your full name, spelling
17 your last, please.

18 THE COURT: Have a seat and be comfortable.

19 State your full name and spell your last name.

20 THE WITNESS: My name is Margaret Vanover,
21 V-A-N-O-V-E-R.

22 THE COURT: Very good.

23 Your witness, counsel.

24 DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MR. WILLIAMS:

25 Q. Ms. Vanover, how old are you?

1 A. Eighty years old.

2 Q. And you have an accent. Where are you from?

3 A. England.

4 Q. All right. And how long have you lived in the United
5 States?

6 A. I come to the United States in '55, and my husband was
7 military, so we went back overseas. I come back here in
8 '65.

9 Q. All right. Now, do you recall a day when your
10 granddaughter, your son --

11 Glenn is your son, is he not?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. Your son and your daughter-in-law came to your house in
14 reference to these allegations?

15 A. Yes, I do.

16 Q. Who was present that day at your house?

17 A. I was there, Glenn, Melanie, and [REDACTED]. And [REDACTED] was
18 probably there, but he was in the swimming pool.

19 Q. What about your husband? Would he have been there?

20 A. No, my husband passed away two years ago today. Today
21 he passed away. Two years ago he was not there.

22 Q. Now, on that particular occasion were you aware of the
23 allegations involving [REDACTED] and your son Glenn? Had
24 someone told you about that?

25 A. They come and told me earlier in the morning and I

1 asked them to come over to see if we couldn't talk to

2 [REDACTED]

3 I have always been very, very close with [REDACTED] and I
4 just wanted to talk to her to see if we could not get
5 straightened out.

6 Q. All right. And when you talked to [REDACTED], how did that
7 conversation go? What was the give and take on that
8 conversation?

9 A. She was a little bit upset when I started talking to
10 her and she sat there and cried. And we started talking to
11 her and I said "you know, this is very, very serious, what
12 you have done." And she just kept crying.

13 And I said "well, the best thing to do, we will have a
14 lie detector test." That's what I thought, but she did not
15 want to do that. She said no, she didn't want to do that.

16 So after that then we all sat around and talked and she
17 said it was not true what she had told me.

18 Q. Did she give you any reason why she lied or why she
19 said one thing and then said it wasn't true?

20 A. No. I believe -- it was Brandon's birthday. It was
21 his sixteenth birthday, and she has always been very
22 possessive of Brandon. It was always her way or not
23 Brandon's, and I think she was very upset.

24 I don't know what went on and I do believe that's what
25 it was. She just wanted to make trouble for Brandon. That

1 was my feelings.

2 Q. Did you indicate -- what would you have done if she had
3 insisted that Glenn Vanover had assaulted your grandchild?
4 What would you have done?

5 A. I would have took care of it. I mean, I would call the
6 rest of the family in. We would have had a discussion about
7 it. We would -- we would have done something about it, but
8 I did not believe that. That is not my son. That is not
9 Glenn.

10 Q. All right.

11 A. Glenn has always been a good father and very good to
12 [REDACTED] also.

13 Q. Would you have taken him to the jail to be arrested?

14 A. Yeah, I probably would have done that. I mean, that --
15 I mean, that -- that is my granddaughter -- was my
16 granddaughter. Not now.

17 MR. WILLIAMS: That's all the questions I have,
18 Your Honor.

19 THE COURT: Cross examination?

20 CROSS EXAMINATION BY MS. PATTERSON:

21 Q. Ms. Vanover, you owned the house that Glenn and his
22 family lived at at [REDACTED], is that right?

23 A. Yes, I did.

24 Q. And how many grandchildren do you have?

25 A. Eight.

- 1 Q. And you said you were close to [REDACTED]?
- 2 A. Yes.
- 3 Q. And you no longer consider her your granddaughter?
- 4 A. Yes, I do, but she is living with the [REDACTED] family
- 5 now, so I think I -- you know, she is still my
- 6 granddaughter. I still love her, but that's the way it is
- 7 right now.
- 8 Q. You just testified she was your granddaughter but not
- 9 now, right?
- 10 A. Well, she's -- she has a different name now. She's a
- 11 [REDACTED]. She's not a Vanover.
- 12 Q. That's pretty harsh from a grandmother, isn't it?
- 13 A. Do you think so? Well, just look what she's done.
- 14 Q. And after this meeting you started treating --
- 15 Well, first of all, you tried to get [REDACTED] to change
- 16 her story, didn't you?
- 17 A. No, I did not. I asked her. I did not try to make
- 18 her -- she had plenty of room to talk. She cried and we
- 19 talked. I did not make her say one way or the other.
- 20 Q. And she -- she didn't -- she never changed her story,
- 21 did she?
- 22 A. I beg your pardon?
- 23 Q. She never said that what she told you did not happen,
- 24 did she?
- 25 A. No, she said it wasn't true.

1 Q. And if she was so jealous of Brandon, do you think she
2 would have made up something about Brandon?

3 A. She could have done, she had done before many times.
4 They would come and spend the weekends, just about every
5 weekend. They would come and spend the weekend with me.
6 And if something went wrong, sure enough it would be [REDACTED]
7 telling some story on Brandon.

8 Q. After [REDACTED] refused to say that it did not happen,
9 because it did, did you become angry with her?

10 A. No, I did not. She still come back to my house after
11 that. I took her out shopping. We went out many a times.
12 Took her to Carowinds. It was no difference between me and
13 [REDACTED] after that happened.

14 Q. You never stopped talking to her?

15 A. No. No, ma'am. That is not true. She's not telling
16 the truth if that's what she said. She come to my house
17 every weekend, just about every weekend.

18 Q. And you never treated her any different?

19 A. No. No. Why would I?

20 Q. Now, whenever something goes on in the Vanover house,
21 it seems like everybody calls you, right?

22 A. Not really. Not really, but that's what a mother is
23 for, right?

24 Q. When they call you, you set up these family meetings,
25 right?

1 A. No. No. No. No. It's just this was very, very
2 serious and I think it was good that we kind of wanted to
3 sit down and talk about it.

4 Q. Thank you, Ms. Vanover.

5 MS. PATTERSON: No further questions.

6 A. Thank you.

7 THE COURT: Redirect?

8 MR. WILLIAMS: No questions on redirect, Your
9 Honor.

10 THE COURT: As to the witness?

11 MR. WILLIAMS: I would ask that she be excused,
12 Your Honor.

13 THE COURT: Any objection, solicitor?

14 MS. PATTERSON: No objections, Your Honor.

15 THE COURT: You may step down. You are excused
16 from the trial of the case.

17 Call your next witness.

18 MR. WILLIAMS: Your Honor, I would call the
19 defendant Glenn Vanover.

20 GLENN EDWIN VANOVER, having been first duly sworn,
21 testified as follows:

22 THE CLERK: Have a seat, please, sir.

23 Once you are seated, speak up loud and clear,
24 stating your full name, spelling your last, please.

25 THE COURT: Make yourself comfortable. Pull that

1 chair up.

2 State your full name and spell your last name.

3 THE WITNESS: Glenn Edwin Vanover, V-A-N-O-V-E-R.

4 THE COURT: Your witness.

5 DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MR. WILLIAMS:

6 Q. Glenn, who are you married to?

7 A. Melanie Vanover.

8 Q. All right. And you had three children, is that
9 correct?

10 A. That's correct.

11 Q. And their names?

12 A. Brandon Glenn Vanover, [REDACTED], and

13 [REDACTED].

14 Q. Now, are you employed?

15 A. Yes, sir.

16 Q. What do you do for a living?

17 A. I have a co-ownership business with my brother.

18 Q. And what do y'all do?

19 A. We do HVAC refrigeration and restaurant repair.

20 Q. And how long have you done air conditioning and
21 refrigeration repair?

22 A. Oh, god, a long time.

23 Q. How old are you?

24 A. I'm forty-nine.

25 Q. And how much education do you have?

1 A. I graduated high school; went to Midlands Tech for a
2 year; joined the Air Force; and had a lot of training in
3 there in electronic warfare. I came back, got out.

4 I never went back to school, but I did take a lot of
5 tests to get my certifications.

6 Q. All right. And those are the certifications that you
7 use every day in your air conditioning and your
8 refrigeration?

9 A. Yes, sir.

10 Q. Now, do you remember -- or -- what --

11 Let me ask you this. What was your relationship with
12 your daughter up until this first time supposedly she told
13 your wife, or she did tell your wife, that there was some
14 sexual assault that occurred? What was your relationship
15 with [REDACTED] before that?

16 A. It was good.

17 Q. How were her grades?

18 A. I thought they were real good. They were normally A's.
19 Anywhere from A's to B's and C's.

20 Q. Were you working back then?

21 A. What time frame?

22 Q. During the time when -- I guess between the time she
23 was six to ten.

24 A. Oh, yeah.

25 Q. What were you doing back then?

1 A. HVAC.

2 Q. All right. Now, do you recall the occasion when she
3 accused you of committing sexual assault?

4 A. The first --

5 Q. Do you remember the date, the first date?

6 A. It was on my son's sixteenth birthday.

7 Q. Are you sure it was your son's sixteenth birthday?

8 A. Yes, sir.

9 Q. All right. And what is your recollection of the events
10 of that day?

11 A. I was outside, and -- Brandon had his friends over.
12 And I remember walking back in the house.

13 Melanie was in the bedroom with my daughter and she
14 just had this really strange look on her face and she said
15 "Glenn, we need to talk."

16 And then she told me what [REDACTED] had said and it was
17 like a brick wall that hit me and I got pretty upset.

18 Q. What happened after you got upset?

19 A. My wife and I argued some and we decided that it would
20 be better that if [REDACTED] had left the house at that time.

21 Q. All right. And where did she go?

22 A. To a friend of her's house.

23 Q. All right. And would that be the young lady that your
24 wife talked about? What's her name, [REDACTED] or something like
25 at that?

1 A. I'm not familiar with her name, but -- yeah, whoever
2 they were speaking about earlier.

3 Q. All right. And when was the next time that you had a
4 conversation involving your daughter like I guess -- was
5 it --

6 How long was it before you actually went to your
7 mother's house and had that meeting that we have heard
8 about?

9 A. I believe it was about three days.

10 Q. All right. What happened when y'all went to that
11 meeting? Who was there?

12 A. Myself, my mother, my wife, and [REDACTED] and [REDACTED].

13 Q. All right. What is your recollection of how that
14 meeting went on and what was said?

15 A. Basically I wasn't really sure how to handle the
16 situation at the time and I thought my mother, who has
17 raised four boys and a girl and had dealt with probably
18 every issue there is, and I thought that it would be best if
19 we went there to discuss and, you know, see where we go with
20 this.

21 And I can remember my mother saying "well, Glenn, if
22 you have done something like this, you know you are going to
23 jail."

24 And I said, "yeah, I understand that, but I haven't
25 done. I never molested or sexually abused my daughter,

1 ever."

2 And then [REDACTED] admitted to lying about it and it
3 just -- it was -- it was terminal for me. It was -- and it
4 still is to this day.

5 Q. Well, did you treat [REDACTED] any differently once this
6 had come out?

7 A. Yes, I did.

8 Q. Did you notice if your mother treated her any
9 differently or not?

10 A. No, she didn't.

11 Q. What happened around February of 2011? What was going
12 on in [REDACTED]'s life during this time span?

13 A. Oh, a lot. It was -- it was chaos. There was a lot of
14 mischief going on, a lot of sneaking out of the house. She
15 would take off for weekends with her friends and not -- and
16 we wouldn't know where she was at. She would take the truck
17 and -- just all kind of stuff, A to Z. I mean, it just
18 covered the books.

19 Q. What about school?

20 A. Oh, the first quarter she had done all right, but her
21 grades were lower than normal.

22 In the second quarter her report card didn't come in
23 and I was asking her where her report card was at and she
24 said well, she had left it at school.

25 And they had called from the high school and called me

1 and said that I needed to come down there to get her report
2 card. And when I went down there, she was in the room with
3 the vice principal Carey, her ROTC coach, and somebody --
4 another man. And that's when I had found out she had had
5 all F's in all her courses and had missed approximately
6 almost thirty days by the second quarter.

7 Q. Now, you said all F's. Do you mean even in ROTC?

8 A. As far as I can remember, yes, sir. I didn't have my
9 glasses on at the time, but it looked like all F's. As far
10 as I could tell, it was all F's.

11 Q. What did you do in response to finding this out?

12 Well, let me ask you this. Did you find out whether
13 she had been even going to school or not?

14 A. She had not been going to school.

15 Now, how the exact dates fell within that quarter I
16 don't know, but I know it was approximately twenty-five to
17 thirty days she had missed.

18 And the reason she wasn't expelled or -- we wasn't
19 notified by the school or the doctor's office, and that's
20 when we found out -- that's when I actually found out was
21 when I went to the school. And I --

22 Q. Did they have doctor's certificates there?

23 A. No, they didn't show me any.

24 Q. Do you know if they had them or not?

25 A. No, sir, I don't.

1 Q. But did you subsequently learn what your daughter had
2 been doing?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. And what had she been doing?

5 A. Cutting school.

6 I really can't think right at this second. It's just a
7 lot.

8 Q. What did you -- what was your reaction to how you were
9 going to handle this situation?

10 A. Oh, god. Well, I come from a military background. My
11 father was in the Army, so I more or less kind of implement
12 what -- like my wife called it, lockdown. I call it boot
13 camp. And so I told her that we would take all her -- like
14 her cell phone, TV, I-pods. Just -- she couldn't use the
15 computer any more. There was a lot of issues with that
16 also.

17 We took everything from her. She had to get on the
18 bus, go to school, come home, do her -- go to her room, do
19 her homework. She was allowed to come out, go to eat, bath,
20 shower, whatever. And something had to be done drastic to
21 change the behavior, and that's how I felt, and that's what
22 I did.

23 Q. And how did that work for you?

24 A. Obviously not very well.

25 Q. How long after this was implemented was it that all

1 this accusations came out about sexual assault?

2 A. Week or two weeks.

3 Q. Had you heard anything about this between the time
4 period that you had the meeting with your mother and then
5 this other deal where she was in lockdown? Did you have
6 any --

7 A. No, sir.

8 Q. Any --

9 You had no idea that she was going to raise that again,
10 did you?

11 A. No, sir.

12 Q. Well, this is your time. Tell the jury whether or not
13 you assaulted your daughter or not.

14 A. No, I have never in my life assaulted my daughter,
15 sexually assaulted her, molested her, or anyone else on this
16 earth. That's not in me.

17 I have always viewed myself as a very good person, that
18 I can assure you that she's lying and it's not true.

19 Q. All right, sir. Thank you.

20 Answer any questions that the solicitor may have for
21 you.

22 THE COURT: Cross-examination.

23 CROSS EXAMINATION BY MS. PATTERSON:

24 Q. Mr. Vanover, when [REDACTED] would leave the house, did you
25 ever call the police?

1 A. No, I don't believe I have.

2 Q. And if you were so concerned about her leaving the
3 house without permission, why didn't you call the police?

4 A. Well, there was me and my wife and we were always in
5 and out. So, I mean, we were juggling two work schedules
6 and three kids. So, I mean, we tried to keep a good
7 schedule going, but we wasn't perfect with it.

8 And if [REDACTED] wasn't there, normally she would spend
9 time with one of her friends on weekends and we would always
10 end up finding out stuff later down the line.

11 Q. So [REDACTED] had a lot of freedom, didn't she?

12 A. Pretty much.

13 Q. And she could come and go as she pleased pretty much
14 with you and your wife, couldn't she?

15 A. Yes, she could.

16 Q. And she helped out with [REDACTED] a lot, didn't she?

17 A. That's a touchy subject for me.

18 Yes, she did, but I really wasn't on board with that
19 all the way, because of some of the treatment I had seen.

20 Q. And this boot camp lockdown method of punishment, did
21 Brandon ever have to be on lockdown?

22 A. Oh, yeah.

23 Q. But you still saw fit to buy him this car for his
24 sixteenth birthday?

25 A. Yes, ma'am.

1 Q. And you are saying that [REDACTED] missed thirty days of
2 school and the school did not notify you?

3 A. That's correct. It was somewhere between twenty-five
4 and thirty days within one quarter.

5 Q. And they let it go on that long --

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. -- and did not notify you?

8 A. Exactly. She was getting doctor's excuses.

9 I don't know how they worked it, but I didn't know that
10 you could do that and get away with it.

11 Q. Did you think that you should call a family meeting
12 when [REDACTED] was getting out of control, as you say?

13 A. As far as which part?

14 Q. She's -- [REDACTED] is missing up to thirty days in school,
15 correct?

16 A. Right.

17 Q. She's sneaking out of the house, correct?

18 A. Right.

19 Q. She's making up lies, correct?

20 A. Correct.

21 Q. Did you call a family meeting with your mom and that
22 other side of the family to discuss some help for her?

23 A. At that time, no.

24 Q. And you want this jury to believe that [REDACTED] is just
25 making all of this up because she's jealous of Brandon

1 and/or because you put her on lockdown?

2 A. I believe there is many reasons, other than just those.
3 Now, what they all are, I don't know, but I know this. It's
4 not true. None of it. I would never abuse my daughter, and
5 I never have, and I have never abused anybody else.

6 MS. PATTERSON: Beg the court's indulgence, Your
7 Honor.

8 (Off the record)

9 (Back on the record)

10 BY MS. PATTERSON:

11 Q. And did you ever complain to the school board about the
12 school not contacting you when your daughter missed all
13 these days?

14 A. To the vice principal Carey, yes.

15 Q. Did you ever complain to the doctor's offices about
16 them giving your child all of these excuses?

17 A. I thought what we needed to do was get our program on
18 track and get her back in school and doing what she needed
19 to do. And, as far as I know, she never went back to see
20 that doctor.

21 Q. Did you have an answering machine at your house?

22 A. I have a cell phone.

23 Q. Did the school ever leave you any messages about

24 [REDACTED]?

25 A. Other -- during the thirty day thing that quarter, not

1 that I remember.

2 It's possible that they had called me on the phone to
3 come pick her up once or twice from the ROTC thing, because
4 that was something she really wanted to get out of.

5 Q. And you said when your wife confronted you about it, it
6 hit you like a brick wall?

7 A. Oh, yeah.

8 Q. And you said y'all argued?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. Then y'all decided to send [REDACTED] away to her friend's
11 house?

12 A. We thought that was the best course of action at that
13 time.

14 Q. And then you called your momma, correct?

15 A. After a few days [REDACTED] was gone, and my wife and I had
16 had very long discussions, and, yes, that's when I called my
17 mother and sought her advice.

18 Q. And you thought your momma could help you resolve the
19 matter, right?

20 A. That's when I sought her advice.

21 Q. And you were living at your momma's house at this time,
22 right?

23 A. Yes, she owned the house that we were in.

24 Q. Your mom has a lot of control over the Vanover family,
25 right?

- 1 A. What's your definition of control?
- 2 Q. Well, she owns the house that you live in, right?
- 3 A. Yes.
- 4 Q. Everybody calls her when something goes on, right?
- 5 A. No.
- 6 Q. But y'all had this family meeting at her house, right?
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 Q. And you say that you were close to [REDACTED] at one point?
- 9 A. She's my daughter. She always will be. I can't -- I
- 10 can't change that.
- 11 Q. And you said her grades were good most of the time?
- 12 A. Her grades were always good until she hit high school.
- 13 So was her attendance.
- 14 Q. And other than this boot camp regimen, lockdown regimen
- 15 that you used as punishment, did you try to see if anything
- 16 else was going on with her?
- 17 A. Yeah, I asked what was going on. You know, I mean,
- 18 sure, we had many conversations.
- 19 Q. Did you try to get her some help?
- 20 A. I thought we were doing the best thing by what we
- 21 thought was right.
- 22 Q. But you still let her come and go as she pleased?
- 23 A. No, not -- not at that time, no. Not during the boot
- 24 camp thing, no, you don't go as you come and you please.
- 25 Q. But you testified she had a lot of freedom otherwise,

1 right?

2 A. Before that, yes.

3 Q. But you never called the police?

4 A. No.

5 Q. You never was notified by the school?

6 A. No.

7 MS. PATTERSON: Beg the court's indulgence, Your
8 Honor.

9 (Off the record)

10 (Back on the record)

11 BY MS. PATTERSON:

12 Q. And one last question, Mr. Vanover.

13 At this family meeting, a lot of talk was -- there was
14 a lot of talk about you having to go to jail, right?

15 A. I wouldn't say a lot, but, yes, it was part of that
16 conversation.

17 Q. And threats and different conclusions was made in front
18 of [REDACTED], right, about what would happen, right?

19 A. As -- what do you mean threats?

20 Q. If --

21 A. What type of threats?

22 Q. Did your wife tell her if you went to jail, y'all would
23 have to move in with her mom?

24 A. If she did tell her that, I wasn't aware of it at the
25 time.

1 Q. Did y'all tell her you were going to get in a lot of
2 trouble?

3 A. Oh, yeah, I -- I didn't say that. I mean, that was
4 something that was -- that my mother had told her that she
5 would take me to jail.

6 Q. And what were you saying?

7 A. What was who saying?

8 Q. At this meeting what were you saying?

9 A. I was mostly listening at the meeting.

10 Q. And so you didn't have anything to say? Even though
11 your daughter was making these serious allegations, you just
12 sat there and listened?

13 A. Well, like I said, we were at my mother's house, and,
14 you know, I kind of was seeing, you know, what would come
15 about, because I knew these allegations wasn't true.

16 Q. And when Ms. Lambert came to your house and told you
17 the purpose of her visit, you acted like you have never
18 heard about [REDACTED] making these allegations before, didn't
19 you?

20 A. I don't remember it being that way.

21 Q. Do you remember telling her about you and your wife's
22 sex life?

23 A. I probably did.

24 MS. PATTERSON: Thank you, Your Honor.

25 I have no further questions.

1 MR. WILLIAMS: The defendant is ready to proceed,
2 Your Honor.

3 THE COURT: Hope, do you want to publish it, or do
4 you want me to?

5 THE CLERK: I'll publish it for you, judge.

6 THE COURT: Bring us the jury.

7 THE CLERK: I will pass it up to you from the
8 bailiff.

9 THE COURT: I understand.

10 (Whereupon, at 8:07 p.m., the jury panel returned
11 to open court to publish its verdict)

12 THE CLERK: Mr. Foreman, have you reached your
13 verdicts?

14 JURY FOREMAN: Yes, we have.

15 THE CLERK: Please pass them up by the bailiff.

16 THE COURT: You may publish the verdict.

17 THE CLERK: Indictment 2011-GS-32-2356, the State
18 versus Glenn Edwin Vanover, we, the jury, by unanimous
19 consent find the defendant, Glenn Edwin Vanover, in the
20 indictment number guilty of criminal sex conduct with a
21 minor in the first degree.

22 On Indictment 2011-GS-32-2357, State versus Glenn
23 Edwin Vanover, we, the jury, by unanimous consent find the
24 defendant, Glenn Edwin Vanover, in the indictment number
25 2011-GS-32-2357 guilty of criminal sexual conduct with a

1 minor in the first degree.

2 So signed Danny Hoover, foreperson, August 29th,
3 2012.

4 Mr. Foreman, ladies and gentlemen of the jury, if
5 this is your verdicts, please indicate each of you by
6 raising your right hand.

7 All hands were raised, Your Honor.

8 THE COURT: Let the record reflect twelve hands
9 were raised in response to the deputy clerk's question.

10 Anything further from the defendant before I
11 excuse the jury?

12 MR. WILLIAMS: Yeah, individual polling, Your
13 Honor.

14 THE COURT: Madam Clerk, would you please poll the
15 jury? And would you tell the jury what you are going to ask
16 them? I require that you ask each juror to stand and as you
17 call their name and ask them was that their verdict and get
18 a response with the court reporter, and then ask is that
19 still your verdict.

20 Are you satisfied, counsel, with that polling
21 procedure?

22 MR. WILLIAMS: Yes, Your Honor.

23 THE COURT: Very well.

24 Madam Clerk, poll the jury.

25 THE CLERK: Your Honor, with it be being two

1 you would like to tell the court prior to sentencing?

2 THE DEFENDANT: I don't have any words, Your
3 Honor. I'm sorry.

4 THE COURT: So that the people in the courtroom
5 understand, I take into consideration for this offense, I
6 realize -- I have listened carefully to the evidence. I
7 realize the defendant has no prior record.

8 I also realize that the jury clearly had
9 sufficient evidence from which they could reach the verdict
10 that they did.

11 The statute that we are dealing with, criminal
12 sexual conduct, first degree, if convicted, a person is
13 guilty of a felony, and upon conviction must be imprisoned
14 for a mandatory minimum of twenty-five years, no part of
15 which may be suspended or probation granted.

16 And the actual maximum sentence, as Mr. Williams
17 and the solicitor knows, goes up to life in prison.

18 I take into consideration what I heard throughout
19 the trial as evidence in this case.

20 I understand, solicitor, what you have told me to
21 take into consideration what occurred to the victim.

22 I also take into consideration, Mr. Williams, that
23 your client has no prior criminal record.

24 On Indictment 2011-GS-32-02356, also Indictment
25 2011-GS-32-02357, the sentence on each of them, the

1 defendant is committed to the State Department of
2 Corrections for a term of twenty-six years.

3 Those sentences are to run concurrent to each
4 other.

5 The defendant is to be given credit for time
6 served, pursuant to South Carolina Code Section 24-13-40.
7 That is to be calculated and applied by the State Department
8 of Corrections.

9 All right, counsel and defendant, the defendant is
10 now in custody.

11 Ladies and gentlemen of the jury, if you will just
12 stay right there for one second. I'm going to -- my bailiff
13 is going to escort each of you out. I thank you very much
14 for your service in this case.

15 You may leave the courtroom at this time.

16 Hold on. My law clerk is coming to you, Mr.
17 Foreman. He's not going to let you leave without your
18 signature.

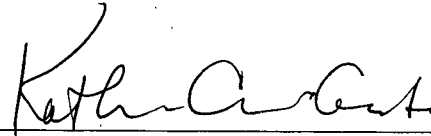
19 (Whereupon, at 8:23 p.m., proceedings were
20 concluded)

21 (END OF REQUESTED TRANSCRIPT OF RECORD)
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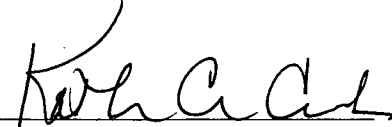
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