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News Release

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Solicitor David Pascoe Announces the Conviction of Jacop Hazlett

St. George, SC- December 13, 2019- First Circuit Solicitor David Pascoe announces that 29-year-old Jacop Robert Lee Hazlett has been found guilty of committing criminal sexual acts on children. A Dorchester Jury convicted Hazlett of one count of Criminal Sexual Conduct with a Minor 1st Degree, 3 counts of Criminal Sexual Conduct with a Minor 3rd Degree and 2 counts of Sexual Exploitation of Minor 1st Degree. The Honorable Judge Diane Goodstein sentenced Hazlett to 75 years without parole. The case was prosecuted by Assistant Solicitor Kelly LaPlante and First Assistant Solicitor Don Sorenson.

Solicitor Pascoe stated, "Today's verdict and sentence ensure that Mr. Hazlett will never prey on our most vulnerable and innocent again, our children. We appreciate the courage of the victims' families who made sure Hazlett was brought to justice. I also want to commend my staff for the outstanding job of preparing this delicate case. Specifically, I am very proud of the hard work and professionalism displayed by Kelly and Don in the prosecution of this case."

This case occurred at NewSpring Church in Dorchester County. In reviewing video surveillance footage, it was found on November 25, 2018 that Mr. Hazlett had sexually assaulted young children in his care while they attended the church's KidSpring program. This case was investigated by the North Charleston Police Department.