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Darlington County Man Convicted Of Rape, Other Charges Against Twelve-Year-Old Victim

Columbia, S.C. – Attorney General Henry McMaster announced today that Larry William Smith, 31, of 924 Lee State Park Road in Lamar, was convicted on Thursday, April 21, 2005, of Criminal Sexual Conduct with a Minor in the Second Degree (victim older than eleven (11) years), a felony violation of §16-3-655(2) of the Code of Laws, carrying a maximum penalty of twenty (20) years imprisonment.

Smith was also convicted on two (2) counts of Contributing to the Delinquency of a Minor, a misdemeanor violation of §16-17-490 of the Code of Laws, carrying a maximum penalty of three (3) years imprisonment and/or a \$3,000 fine on each count.

Smith and the victim were at a party on March 20, 2004. Smith and others were driving the victim home when they diverted to Smith's residence. Once at Smith's residence, Smith forced the victim onto his bed and raped her. After the crime was committed, the victim called police, who had been notified by the victim's parents that she was missing. When the victim was safely returned home, she informed her parents of the crime. A rape kit was completed, and the DNA evidence found matched that of Smith.

At the time the crime was committed, Smith had known the victim for a number of years and had knowledge of her age.

Judge John Milling, presiding over the General Sessions Court of Darlington County, sentenced Smith to twelve (12) years imprisonment for Criminal Sexual Conduct with a Minor. Smith was sentenced to three (3) years imprisonment on each count of Contributing to the Delinquency of a Minor, plus a \$1,000 fine. All sentences are to run concurrently.

This case was investigated by the Darlington County Sheriff's Office, and prosecuted by the Attorney General's Office.

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