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Dade County Man Convicted of Child Molestation

May 5th 2025 – Trenton, GA – A Dade County jury has convicted Jesse Miles Seals of child molestation following a two-day trial held April 21–22, 2025, before the Honorable Judge Don Thompson in Dade County Superior Court.

The conviction followed courageous testimony from the victim where she described numerous inappropriate interactions with the Defendant starting when he dated the victim’s older sister and the victim was around 12 years old. When the victim was 15, the Defendant who was 33 on the date of the incident, took the 15 year old victim on a midnight drive and molested the victim. A witness testified to seeing the victim shortly after the molestation and described the victim as hyperventilating and in tears. The jury also heard from three other girls who described that when they were teenage girls they suffered inappropriate touchings and interactions by the Defendant, revealing a disturbing pattern of predatory conduct.

Following the guilty verdict, Judge Thompson sentenced Seals to a stiff sentence of 20 years with 15 years to serve in the Department of Corrections, followed by probation under sex offender special conditions.

The case was investigated by Detective Misty McConathy of the Dade County Sheriff’s Office. Prosecution was led by District Attorney Clayton M. Fuller, with support from administrative staff Annabelle Carter, Tamara Clayton, Victim Advocate Amy Reed, and Chief Investigator Christy Smith.

In a statement, the victim expressed her gratitude:

“I want to thank District Attorney Fuller, Detective McConathy, and the entire DA’s Office for standing by me and believing me. I was scared, but they helped give me the strength to speak out and get justice for me and the other girls.”

District Attorney Fuller praised the victim’s courage and sent a strong message:

“If you’re a grown man who targets teenage girls in our community, expect to spend the next chapter of your life behind bars. I know Sheriff Ray Cross has my back on this: we don’t tolerate predators in Dade County — not now, not ever.”

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