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## TENNESSEE MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO ATTEMPTED SEXUAL CONTACT WITH 14-YEAR-OLD IN GEORGIA

May 29<sup>th</sup> 2025 – Catoosa County, Georgia – On May 28, 2025, Brandon James McGarvey-Rogers of Chattanooga, Tennessee admitted to attempting to make sexual contact with a 14-year-old Georgia child and pled guilty without a recommendation from the State of Georgia in Catoosa County Superior Court. The Honorable Judge Brian House imposed a stiff sentence of 20 years with 7 years to be served in the Georgia Department of Corrections, followed by the remainder on probation under strict sex offender conditions.

The case began when McGarvey-Rogers used Snapchat to send sexually explicit images and messages to the child, and with the child stating that the child was only 14 years old. After the child told the Defendant that the child was a minor and sent memes saying the child was minor, the Defendant sent messages of sexually explicit nature to the child and sent a picture of the Defendant's penis to the child. The child courageously came forward to the Ringgold Police Department who worked tirelessly with the East Ridge Police Department to locate the Defendant. A swift investigation led to McGarvey-Rogers's identification and recorded confession, during which he admitted to knowing the victim's age, asking the child for sex, and sending the child a photo of his penis.

District Attorney **Clayton M. Fuller** prosecuted the case and he was assisted by Victim Advocate Shelby Armstrong, Administrative Assistant Jennifer Jackson, and Chief Investigator Christy Smith. He issued the following statement:

"Parents need to know that when you give a child a phone, you don't give the child access to the world, you give the world access to your child. Evil does exist and it is coming into our homes to steal innocence. I'm proud to stand in the gap with our law enforcement partners to protect Catoosa's kids. Ringgold Police Department and the East Ridge Police Department did an incredible job on this case."

"And to every predator sitting in Tennessee thinking about coming to Georgia," Fuller added, "here's your warning: it's best for Tennessee Trash to stay on your side of the state line. Don't come to Georgia creeping on our kids and ask for probation. If you harm our children—you're going to prison. We don't negotiate with predators."

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