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Alex Harvey Sentenced for Molesting Teenage Niece

August 17, 2021, Catoosa County, GA - Alex Harvey, 35-year-old Rossville man, was sentenced on August 10, 2021, for molesting his underage niece over a period of several years. Harvey was tried in the Catoosa County Superior Court in front Superior Court Judge Hon. Ralph Van Pelt Jr. in March of 2021. The jury convicted Harvey of incest, statutory rape, child molestation, enticing a child for indecent purposes and aggravated sexual battery on March 25, 2021.

District Attorney Chris Arnt prosecuted the case against Harvey. Harvey began providing alcohol to his niece and some of her friends. He then stepped up to furnishing drugs including marijuana, cocaine, ecstasy, and LSD. Once Harvey had his niece intoxicated he began making sexual advance towards her and eventually began engaging in a variety of sex acts with her when she was heavily under the influence of the drugs and alcohol he provided. One of his niece's friends recalled seeing Harvey having sex with his niece in the back of a car when she was completely unconscious. Police located condoms from a residence where Harvey was staying that contained his DNA on the inside of the condoms and his niece's DNA on the outside of the condoms. Chief Keith Sewell of the Fort Oglethorpe Police Department investigated the case.

Arnt stated that "Harvey was a trusted adult in the child's life and he used that position of trust to turn his niece into an addict and a sex object." Arnt read a victim impact statement from the child during the sentencing hearing, where she told the court how she is having to cope and re-live the abuse every day for the rest of her life. She only hopes that Harvey will never get a chance to do this to anyone else. Harvey was sentenced as a sex offender to life in prison with 25 years to serve in prison without the possibility of parole.

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