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**August 19, 2022**

District Attorney General Jimmy Dunn advises that on August 19, 2022, Parvel Gudger, Jr., age 38 was found guilty by a jury of Cocke County citizens of the offenses Aggravated Sexual Battery, Continuous Sexual Abuse of a Child, Rape of a Child, and Incest after a three day trial in Cocke County Circuit Court. The case was investigated by Detectives Derrick Webb and Jason Ramsey of the Newport Police Department. The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Mark Strange with the assistance of Assistant District Attorney S. Joanne Sheldon, Investigator Tracy Ivy, Victim/Witness Coordinator Kim Hudson, and Assistant Victim/Witness Coordinator Stevie Croxdale. Mr. Gudger's sentencing is set before the Honorable Carter S. Moore, Circuit Court Judge, on October 18, 2022. Mr. Gudger faces up to forty years incarceration for all of these offenses which are to be served at 100%, with the exception of Incest. The Defendant will be subject to the requirements of the Tennessee Sex Offender Registry and Community Supervision for Life.

General Dunn would like to commend Detectives Derrick Webb and Jason Ramsey of the Newport Police Department, Tiffany Pierce Hall of the Department of Children's Services and the staff of Safe Harbor Child Advocacy Center for their dedication in helping children of violent crimes.