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**PRESS RELEASE**

Ginger Bowden Madden, State Attorney for the First Judicial Circuit of Florida, announces that on November 16, 2021, Circuit Court Judge Linda Nobles sentenced Matthew Wayne Niau to forty years in Florida's Department of Corrections and designated the Defendant a Sexual Predator. An Escambia County jury previously found the Defendant guilty of three counts of Sexual Battery (Engaging in Sexual Battery while in Position of Familial or Custodial Authority).

During the trial, it was revealed that the Defendant had been having sex with a minor child for a period of several months during the year of 2019. Prosecuting attorney, Carrie Gilmer stated, "This sentence provides some much needed justice and closure to the victim."

The investigation and arrest were conducted by the Escambia County Sheriff's Office. Assistant State Attorney Carrie Gilmer prosecuted this case. For further information, please contact Ms. Gilmer at (850) 595-4500.