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FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA

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PRESS RELEASE

State Attorney Bill Eddins announces late Monday evening, before the Honorable Kelvin Wells, Dean Alan Miller, Jr., age 78, was found guilty by a Walton County Jury of 19 counts of Possessing Photos Which Include Sexual Conduct by a Child. Upon the jury's verdict Honorable Wells ordered a Pre-Sentence Investigation be conducted by the Department of Corrections and Mr. Miller was remanded to the custody of the Walton County Sheriff's Office. A Sentencing Hearing was scheduled for February 16, 2021.

On December 11, 2019 the Walton County Sheriff's Special Victims Unit conducted a search warrant in the Timberwind Neighborhood in DeFuniak Springs at the home of the defendant, Dean Alan Miller, Jr. The search warrant was the result of investigators receiving numerous cyber tips of someone uploading child pornography from the internet protocol address associated with the defendant's house. The defendant was then interviewed where he admitted "whatever I had I got off" and "I guess I got bored" while discussing the images. A Forensic Computer Specialist with the Walton County Sheriff's Office was then able to locate 19 images of children ranging from 2 years to 8 years old engaged in various acts of sexual conduct. The maximum possible sentence is 95 years in prison.

The defendant was convicted following a joint effort from the State Attorney's Office and Walton County Sheriff's Office. Assistant State Attorney Josh Mitchell prosecuted the case, for further information he can be contacted at (850) 892-8080.