

NEWS RELEASE

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Child molester pleads guilty mid-trial, receives 75-year prison sentence

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – A man who sexually abused two children will spend the next 75 years in prison after pleading guilty in the midst of his trial in Mecklenburg County Superior Court. The proceedings were held in courtroom 5150 before The Honorable W. Robert Bell, Superior Court Judge.

The case was prosecuted by the Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Crimes Against Persons Team. The trial of Andrew Hostetler, 34, began on October 12, 2015. The following day – after five people had testified – Hostetler decided to enter a guilty plea. He pled guilty as charged to 1) two counts of rape of a child, 2) four counts of sexual offense with a child, 3) incest and 4) two counts of indecent liberties with a child. Today, Judge Bell told the court it was important that the defendant's sentence protect the community from Hostetler. He then sentenced Hostetler to three consecutive sentences of 300-369 months in prison, totaling a minimum of 75 years in prison.



Andrew Hostetler

For years, Hostetler sexually abused two young family members. He photographed and made video recordings of the abuse. In 2013, the children's mother discovered inappropriate photographs of the children and called Charlotte-Mecklenburg police. After his arrest, Hostetler confessed to the crimes.

The District Attorney's Office would like to thank the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department and particularly the investigators of CMPD's Cyber Crimes Unit.

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