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**PRESS RELEASE**

State Attorney Bill Eddins announced today that Lee Calvin Pardue was convicted on Thursday, May 1, 2014 of Sexual Battery on a Child (2 counts), Lewd or Lascivious Molestation, Promoting a Sexual Performance by a Child (5 counts) and Possession of Photos Depicting Sexual Conduct by a Child (25 counts). A Santa Rosa County Jury deliberated for about an hour before finding the 44 year old Pensacola man guilty of all charges. Pardue had been arrested on November 8, 2012 following an investigation by the Santa Rosa County Sheriff's Office after Pardue had told an acquaintance that he took sexual photos of himself with a child. While babysitting one of the victims during the summer of 2012, Pardue committed sexual acts on the child. The images depicting these acts were discovered on Pardue's digital camera during a search of his home by investigators. Images depicting sexual conduct by two other children were also discovered on Pardue's camera. These children were able to be identified by Sheriff's Office investigators, who found that both of the victims had been to Pardue's home.

Pardue faces a mandatory life sentence on each of the Sexual Battery counts, a maximum sentence of life for the Lewd or Lascivious Molestation, and a total of 200 years for the remaining charges. Circuit Judge Marci Goodman scheduled sentencing for June 16, 2014.

Pardue faces charges in two other cases for Lewd or Lascivious Molestation and Using a Computer to Facilitate or Solicit the Sexual Conduct of a Child. Both of those cases are currently scheduled for trial on July 7, 2014.

Assistant State Attorney Stephanie Pace prosecuted the case. For further information, please contact Stephanie Pace at (850) 983-4453.