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SPARTANBURG MAN RECEIVES 24-YEAR PRISON SENTENCE FOR CHILD SEX ASSAULT

A Spartanburg man received a 24-year prison sentence today after he admitted to sexually assaulting on a 5-year-old girl.

Kenneth Edward Hutchinson, 49, pleaded guilty to first-degree criminal sexual conduct with a minor before retired Supreme Court Justice E.C. Burnett III. He will serve 85 percent of the prison sentence before he is eligible for release.

The assault occurred in October of 2007 and the victim later disclosed the details during therapy at the Children's Advocacy Center. The assault occurred at Hutchinson's Arch Street home. The defendant initially denied any criminal wrongdoing but his story changed during a second police interview when he admitted to inappropriate touching and oral sex.

Assistant Solicitor Susan Reese prosecuted the case.

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