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## ***SPARTANBURG COUNTY MAN RECEIVES 20-YEAR PRISON SENTENCE FOR VIOLENT CRIMES***

A Spartanburg County man received a 20-year prison sentence today after he took responsibility for unrelated violent crimes.

Timothy R. McCormick, 39, of Boiling Springs, pleaded guilty to first-degree criminal sexual conduct with a minor and leaving the scene of a wreck with a death. The defendant will serve 85 percent of the prison sentence before he is eligible for release. He will also be added to the Sex Offender Registry.

McCormick fled the scene of the June 24, 2007 wreck that claimed the life of Joshua Lee McCurry, 25, of Boiling Springs. McCurry was riding a moped on Highway 9 when he was struck by a Dodge Stratus driven by McCormick. McCurry died as a result of multiple body trauma.

When McCormick was confronted with the allegation nearly two years after the wreck, he told police investigators he didn't stop at the wreck scene because he had been drinking and he was driving without a license.

Investigators with the Highway Patrol and the 7<sup>th</sup> Circuit Solicitor's Office developed McCormick as a suspect after a witness named him and provided other pertinent detail. Investigators utilized post-wreck repair work on the car to further connect the defendant to the crime.

McCormick also admitted to sexually assaulting a young child on multiple occasions between August 1998 and December of 2000. The victim was 14-years-old when the crime was reported to the Sheriff's Office in April of 2009. Deputies concluded the victim was between 4-6 years of age when the assaults occurred.

The victim described the incident in detail during a forensic examination at the Children's Advocacy Center. McCormick initially denied the accusations during a police interview but he changed his story when he was asked to take a polygraph test.

Principal Deputy Solicitor Barry Barnette and Assistant Solicitor Susan Reese prosecuted McCormick.

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