

Corlee convicted

A Geneva County jury deliberated for an hour and a half before finding Timothy O'Neal Corlee, 45, of Dothan, guilty of first-degree sodomy of a child less than 12 years old.

The state showed that Corlee was staying at a friend's house in Slocomb in December 2007 when he went into a six-year-old boy's room and sodomized him.

Witnesses at the house said they saw Corlee in the room. Chief Assistant District Attorney Bill Filmore, who tried the case for the state, along with Assistant District Attorney Stephen Smith, said that the strongest evidence of the case was the testimony from Flowers Hospital SART/SANE and the Child Advocacy



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Center, who professionally educated the jury about these type of cases.

Filmore said, "The average juror doesn't realize that one out of three girls and one out of seven boys are sexually assaulted before they turn 16 years old. People don't want to believe that this type of thing can happen." Filmore went on to say, "I appreciate the jury sitting through this type of testimony and rendering a verdict in this case. It was not an easy task."