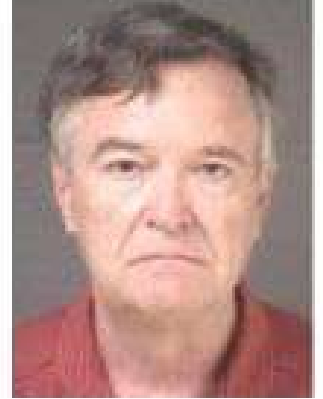




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ASHEVILLE – Former Catawba County Superior Court Judge Daniel Ray Green, 67, was sentenced Thursday by Superior Court Judge Jacqueline Grant to serve nearly two years in prison to be followed by supervised probation after pleading guilty to felony Indecent Liberties with a Minor and other crimes. The charges stemmed from a sexual assault committed against a 14 year old male on March 30, 2019 at the Baymont Inn on Hendersonville Road in Asheville.



Green pleaded guilty to Indecent Liberties with a Minor (20-33 month active sentence), Contributing to The Delinquency of a Minor (45 days active, consecutive), Providing Wine/Liquor/Malt Beverage to a Person under 21 (45 days active, consecutive), and Disseminating Obscene Material to a Minor (6-8 months suspended for 36 months).

"The outcome of this case demonstrates that Judge Daniel Ray Green was not protected by his privilege. He is being held accountable for his acts thanks foremost to the courage of the survivor in disclosing these traumatic crimes. I wish the young survivor peace and healing. Further, I commend the survivor's family for supporting him throughout the prosecution and applaud APD's coordinated and effective investigatory work in tandem with partners at the Mountain Child Advocacy Center, which was indispensable," DA Todd Williams said.

The investigation showed that on the date of offense Green plied the victim with alcohol and showed him pornography. Green demanded that the victim perform oral sex on him but the victim did not. Green then positioned the victim on the bed and rubbed his penis on the body of the victim until he ejaculated on him. DNA recovered from the crime scene was tested and confirmed the presence of Green's DNA.

The victim escaped by pretending that he needed to get ice from the machine outside the hotel room. Once outside he texted a close friend and called his mother, who then called police.

Following service of Green's prison sentence, Judge Grant sentenced Green to serve an additional suspended term of 6-8 months and be placed on supervised probation for three years as a result of his guilty plea to felony Disseminating Obscene Material to a Minor. As part of his probation, Judge Grant further ordered Green to obtain a sex offender specific evaluation

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and follow recommended treatment. Green will pay restitution of \$3715 for the victim's medical expenses. Green will register as a sex offender for 30 years and will receive sex offender treatment while in prison.

Judge Grant further ordered that Green be permanently disbarred from the practice of law.

The case was initially charged as a Statutory Sex Offense with a Person age 15 or under. The charge of Statutory Sex Offense requires proof of the commission of certain specific sex acts or penetration by an object into the body of another person. After Green's arrest, additional investigation revealed the acts Green committed did not include one of the necessary elements of the initially charged crime.

Green also pleaded guilty to a statutory aggravating factor by acknowledging that he had taken advantage of a position of trust or confidence to commit the offense. Admission to the aggravating factor enabled Judge Grant to sentence Green to the maximum active term of imprisonment authorized by NC sentencing laws for the felony offense of Indecent Liberties with a Minor.

The case was prosecuted by Buncombe County District Attorney Special Victims Lead Prosecutor Amy Broughton.

The victim was granted a permanent (lifetime) no-contact order barring all contact from the defendant.

Pursuant to the NC Crime Victims' Rights Act the minor victim and his parents were consulted before the sentencing hearing. The victim's parents and other family were present in court in support of the victim during the sentencing hearing and approved of the result.

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