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**Guilty on All Charges for Holly Springs Man Accused of Sexual Abuse of Child**  
**State vs. Bryan Lamar Gay**

**May 17, 2024** – District Attorney Susan K. Treadaway announces that, on May 16, a Cherokee County jury convicted Holly Springs resident Bryan Lamar Gay, 52, of all charges: aggravated sexual battery (2 counts), aggravated child molestation (2 counts), and child molestation (3 counts).

The jury returned its guilty verdict following a four-day trial in Chief Superior Court Judge Ellen McElyea's courtroom. Judge McElyea set the sentencing hearing for May 28.

Holly Springs Police began investigating these allegations on January 25, 2023, after a child in middle school disclosed sexual abuse. The child first told her mother, who reported the allegations to law enforcement. The child and her younger sibling participated in forensic interviews. Other family members were also interviewed.

During the trial, 10 witnesses testified for the State, including law enforcement officers, an expert in dynamics of child sexual abuse and forensic interviewing, a sexual assault nurse examiner, the child's mother, and the victim. The defendant also testified.

The case was investigated by the Holly Springs Police Department with assistance from the Cherokee Sheriff's Office. It was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Alana J. Driscoll, of the Special Victims Unit, Office of the District Attorney, Blue Ridge Judicial Circuit.

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