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**Commonwealth v. Anthony Dwayne Duncan
Man to Serve 35 Years for Sexual Abuse of Child**

Colin D. Stolle, Commonwealth's Attorney for the city of Virginia Beach, announced that Anthony Dwayne Duncan, age 29, was sentenced today for Produce Child Porn, Age <15 (Offender 7+ Years) (2 counts), Aggravated Sexual Battery – Victim Under Age 13, and Custodial Indecent Liberties. Circuit Court Judge H. Thomas Padrick sentenced Duncan to sixty (60) years in prison with 25 years suspended, leaving 35 years to serve. This sentence was significantly greater than the high-end of the Virginia State Sentencing Guidelines, which recommended a sentence of no more than fourteen (14) years and five (5) months.

Duncan pled guilty on October 15, 2019. Had this matter gone to trial, the Commonwealth's evidence would have proven that on September 29, 2013, Anthony Dwayne Duncan sexually abused a child known to him. The child was temporarily in his care and was asleep at the time of the abuse. Duncan took photographs of some of the acts. Two years later, Duncan's wife found a black notebook under the driver's seat of the family vehicle. She found a story detailing sexual fantasies with three named children, to include the victim from September 2013. Duncan admitted to his wife that he wrote the story.

At the time, Duncan lived in Georgia. Pierce County Sheriff's Office began to investigate the case and conducted a search of Duncan's laptop. They found the photos from the abuse Duncan inflicted upon the child in Virginia Beach in 2013. Duncan admitted to investigators in Georgia and from the Virginia Beach Police Department that he sexually assaulted the child in Virginia Beach on September 29, 2013. He also admitted to taking the pornographic photos.

Duncan was convicted in Georgia for possession of child pornography in connection with the same photos he took in the Virginia Beach incident.