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**Convicted of rape, child molestation, and incest, Roswell resident to serve 50 years in prison**  
**State vs. Luis Alberto Angeles**

**March 14, 2023** – Acting District Attorney Susan K. Treadaway announces that on February 22, 2023, Superior Court Judge Tony Baker sentenced Roswell resident Luis Alberto Angeles, 41, to serve 50 years in prison followed by life on probation under sex offender special conditions. Angeles was found guilty of rape, child molestation, and incest in a jury trial that ended on February 3, 2023.

Charges stem from a Woodstock Police Department investigation that began in September 2016 when a 12-year-old girl told officers that she ran away from home because Angeles had been hurting her. During two separate forensic interviews, the victim provided details of specific acts that Angeles committed when she was 8, 9, 10, and 11 years old. These acts occurred while her mother was at work.

“For years, a little girl endured abuse in her own home by a man who purported to love her. When she finally had the courage to disclose, family members did not believe her. She was forced to run away from home, thinking that was her only way to escape. Fortunately, Woodstock Police recognized a child in distress and, ultimately, charged this defendant,” said Deputy Chief Assistant District Attorney Rachel Hines, of the Special Victims Unit. “Throughout the prosecution of this case, the victim never wavered, and through her resilience, we were able to ensure the defendant will never hurt her, or her loved ones again.”

During the trial, the State called seven witnesses to the stand, including the victim. Jurors also viewed the forensic interviews from when the victim was 12 years old. After thoughtful deliberation, the jury found the defendant guilty of all charges.

“Hidden in secrecy behind closed doors, this defendant did unspeakable things to a little girl. But his despicable actions have now been brought to light because of her bravery. A Cherokee County jury heard testimony, including that of the victim, and came to the unanimous decision that the defendant is, in fact, guilty of all charges,” said Acting District Attorney Susan K. Treadaway. “Mr. Angeles is now receiving the justice he deserves, and our community is protected from this man ever hurting another child again.”

**Sexual Abuse of Children**

Child abusers often engage in a grooming process that allows them to perpetrate sexual abuse undetected. “Grooming” in the context of child sexual abuse is a manipulative process intended to secure the child’s silence. Common characteristics

of the grooming process include targeting the child, gaining the child and caregiver's trust, filling a need, using flattery and gifts, isolating the child, sexualizing the relationship, and maintaining control.

Children who have been groomed are often conflicted about their feelings for the abuser because he/she has methodically established a positive relationship with the child prior to introducing sexual touches. Children who have been groomed are also more likely to conceal the abuse and delay disclosing the abuse to others.

To report suspected child abuse, call Child Protective Services at 855-422-4453. If the child is in immediate danger, call 911.

*This case was investigated by the Woodstock Police Department. Prosecution was handled by Deputy Chief Assistant District Attorney Rachel Hines, of the Special Victims Unit. The Anna Crawford Children's Center conducted the forensic interviews. The Office of the District Attorney for the Blue Ridge Judicial Circuit is committed to seeking justice, acting with integrity, and collaborating with partner agencies in the criminal justice system in order to protect the citizens of Cherokee County and the State of Georgia.*

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