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### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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Clayton County District Attorney Tasha M. Mosley announces the conviction of Darnell Ronald Kelly for the offenses of Aggravated Child Molestation, Incest, Statutory Rape, and Electronically Furnishing Obscene Material to Minors.

On July 28, 2018, law enforcement with the Clayton County Police Department was notified via a local hospital of a report of sexual abuse upon a minor by Defendant Darnell Ronald Kelly at a residence in Riverdale, Georgia. Law enforcement learned through a forensic interview that Defendant Darnell Ronald Kelly had been sexually abusing the minor, who is a member of his family, over a period of several months. The statements of the victim were corroborated by distinctive marks on the Defendant's body. The Defendant fled the jurisdiction on the day of the initial report and was subsequently apprehended in the State of Kentucky, by the Boyd County Sheriff's Office, on April 29, 2021.

Deputy Chief Assistant District Attorney Jennifer Brooks led the State's case with Assistant District Attorney Evan Hansinger serving as second chair. Major Case Investigator Chad Watkins and Victim Advocate Nerissa Sims played vital roles in this case. Judge Geronda V. Carter presided over the jury trial which began on April 8, 2025. The Defendant was found guilty on April 10, 2025, and received a sentence of life in prison plus 69 years to serve in custody followed by 1 year on probation.

District Attorney Mosley stated, *"We hope this conviction brings a sense of peace and closure to all those affected by the defendant's actions. I commend my office for their unwavering dedication and tireless efforts in securing justice on behalf of the victim and their family."*