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Clayton County District Attorney Tasha M. Mosley announces the conviction of John Stafford. A Clayton County Jury returned a guilty verdict on Aggravated Child Molestation and Cruelty to Children in the First Degree.

During the trial, the State presented evidence showing that on January 28, 2019 the Defendant was caught sexually assaulting a minor by his mother. The State also presented evidence showing he was assaulting the minor for a year.

Deputy Chief Assistant District Attorney La'Carrian Blount led the State's case and Assistant District Attorney Sheila Francois served as the secondary prosecutor. Major Case Investigator Luis Gomez and Victim Advocate Nerissa Sims played important roles in the prosecution of this case. The trial against John Stafford started on July 7, 2025, and concluded on July 9, 2025.

Superior Court Judge Aaron B. Mason presided over the trial and the Defendant was sentenced to serve 25 years followed by life on probation as well as life on the sex offender registry.

District Attorney Mosley stated, *"We hope this conviction brings healing to the victim and sends a clear message that we fight tirelessly for the citizens of Clayton County."*

