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PRESS RELEASE

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**CHATHAM COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE ANNOUNCES THE CONVICTION OF
FORMER PASTOR ALFONZA MCCLENDON, SR.**

Chatham County, GA– Chatham County District Attorney's Office announces the conviction of Alfonza McClendon, Sr. charged and convicted of:

Count 1: Child Molestation; sentenced 20 years with 19 to serve and 1 year probated.

Count 2: Aggravated Child Molestation; sentenced 25 years followed by probation for life, concurrent with count 1.

Count 3: Statutory Rape; sentenced 20 years with 19 to serve and 1 year probated, concurrent with count 1.

Total: 25 years to serve and life probation

McClendon is currently 62 years old and is not expected to be released until he is 87 years old. Upon release, will be required to register as a sex offender and will be on probation for the remainder of his natural life.

McClendon is the former pastor of First Metropolitan Missionary Baptist Church. He was convicted of sexually molesting two children during his tenure as a pastor. These acts took place on numerous occasions between 2013 to 2017.

District Attorney Shalena Cook Jones commends Lead Prosecutor Tim Dean, ADA Meredith Layman, and former SPD Detective Aaron Fox for their diligent work on this case from beginning to end. When an individual's childhood is compromised by such egregious, horrifying acts, it will stay with them forever. For these victims turned survivors to bring their story to light and face their perpetrator is a great act of bravery. I commend these survivors for coming forward and encourage others to do so.

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