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(Nashville, TN) A Davidson County jury has returned guilty verdicts in the child rape and abuse trial of a former Hermitage babysitter. Jurors heard three days of testimony in the case led by Assistant District Attorneys Alyssa Hennig and Pam Anderson. Following less than two hours of deliberation on Thursday, Becky Burlison, 42, was found guilty on two counts of Aggravated Rape of a Child and one count each of Aggravated Child Abuse and Aggravated Child Neglect.

Burlison was arrested by Metro Nashville Police in April, 2012 after the two-year-old boy she had been babysitting suffered severe injuries when Burlison inserted a brush handle into the child's rectum. The handle broke and became lodged inside the little boy's body.

Assistant D.A. Alyssa Henning said the babysitter had been a trusted family friend. "The family is pleased with the jury's verdict and understand that while this doesn't change what happened to their son it does prevent her from hurting anyone else's child," General Hennig said.

Assistant D.A. Pam Anderson said the case demonstrates the commitment by the District Attorney's Office to protect vulnerable victims. "We will not tolerate this type of behavior from anyone toward children in our community," General Anderson said.

Becky Burlison faces a minimum forty years in prison when she is sentenced on July 10.



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