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North Augusta Man Arrested on Child Pornography Charges

(COLUMBIA, S.C.) South Carolina Attorney General Alan Wilson announced the arrest of Benjamin Michael Bruker (DOB: 1976) of North Augusta, S.C. on twelve (12) counts involving the sexual exploitation of minors. The Aiken County Sheriff's Office, a member of the Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force, made the arrest.

Investigators say Bruker was involved in sending child pornography via file sharing.

A search warrant was obtained and executed at Bruker's residence on May 15, 2015. Computers and other electronic equipment were seized for forensic examination. Bruker was arrested and charged with two (2) counts of Sexual Exploitation of a Minor second, degree (§16-15-405), a felony offense punishable by up to ten (10) years imprisonment on each count; and ten (10) counts of Sexual Exploitation of a Minor, third degree (§16-15-410), a felony offense punishable by up to ten (10) years imprisonment on each count.

The case will be prosecuted by the Attorney General's Office.

Attorney General Wilson stressed all defendants are presumed innocent unless and until they are proven guilty in a court of law.

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