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### **Pickens Man Arrested on Child Pornography Charges**

(COLUMBIA, S.C.) South Carolina Attorney General Alan Wilson announced the arrest of John Paul James (DOB: 1972) of Central, S.C. on charges involving the sexual exploitation of minors. The South Carolina Attorney General's Office, a member of the Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force, made the arrest. The Pickens County Sheriff's Office, also an ICAC Task Force member, assisted in the investigation.

Investigators say James was involved in child pornography via file sharing.

A search warrant was obtained and executed at James' residence on April 30, 2015. A preliminary investigation revealed files containing child pornography. James was subsequently arrested.

James is charged with one (1) count of Sexual Exploitation of a Minor second, degree (§16-15-405), a felony offense punishable by up to ten (10) years imprisonment; 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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