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Johns Island Man Arrested for Soliciting Minor, Child Pornography

(COLUMBIA, S.C.) South Carolina Attorney General Alan Wilson announced the arrest of Shawn Michael Johnson (DOB: 1994) of Johns Island, S.C. on three (3) counts connected to sexual conduct with a minor. The Charleston County Sheriff's Office, a member of the Attorney General's Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force, made the arrest.

Investigators received a report that Johnson threatened a child and demanded she send him a nude photograph of herself.

Johnson was arrested on February 18, 2015. He is charged with one (1) count of Criminal Solicitation of a Minor (§16-15-342), a felony offense punishable by up to ten (10) years imprisonment; one (1) count of Sexual Exploitation of a Minor, first degree, (§16-15-395), a felony offense punishable by up to twenty (20) years imprisonment; and one (1) count of Dissemination of Obscene Material to a Minor age 12 or younger (§16-15-355), a felony offense punishable to fifteen (15) years imprisonment. The charges require Sex Offender Registry status upon conviction. Numerous electronic devices were seized for forensic examination. Bond was set at \$200,000. Johnson is not allowed to access the Internet, or to have unsupervised contact with children.

The investigation is ongoing.

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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