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Aiken Man Arrested on Child Pornography Charges

(COLUMBIA, S.C.) South Carolina Attorney General Alan Wilson announced the arrest of William Curtis “Bucky” Hicks, Jr. (DOB: 8/20/1947) of Graniteville, S.C., on 14 charges connected to sexual exploitation of minors. The Aiken County Sheriff’s Department, a member of the Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force made the arrest. Investigators with the Attorney General’s Office assisted with the investigation.

Investigators received a cyber tip that Hicks had uploaded child pornography. A search warrant was executed at his residence on Nov. 1. Investigators discovered photos on Hick’s phone of him engaging in a sex act with a minor victim.

Hicks is a registered sex offender.

Hicks was arrested on Nov. 1, 2016. He is charged with six counts Sexual Exploitation of a Minor, First Degree (§16-15-395), a felony offense punishable by up to 20 years of imprisonment on each count; and eight counts of Sexual Exploitation of a Minor, Third Degree (§16-15-410), a felony offense punishable by up to 10 years of 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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