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Hartsville P.D. Arrests Local Man on Child Pornography Charges

Columbia - Attorney General Alan Wilson announced today that Daniel J. Ladd, 42, of 1119A Franklin Street in Hartsville, South Carolina was arrested on January 14, 2011, by the Hartsville Police Department and the Darlington County Sheriff's Office on child pornography charges.

Both agencies are members of the Attorney General's Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force.

Ladd is charged with two (2) counts of Sexual Exploitation of a Minor (§16-15-405), 3rd Degree, a felony offense punishable by up to ten (10) years imprisonment on each count.

Ladd is charged with possession of graphic digital photographs and videos depicting children in a sexual nature. Ladd's computer was seized for forensic examination after being investigated for suspicious activity outside a public library.

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

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

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