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Berkeley Sheriff Arrests Goose Creek Man In Child Pornography Case

Columbia - Attorney General Alan Wilson announced today that James Howard Reid, 61, of 182 Commons Way in Goose Creek, South Carolina, was arrested on February 2, 2011, by the Berkeley County Sheriff's Office for distribution of child pornography.

The Berkeley County Sheriff's Office is a member of the Attorney General's Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force. Task Force investigators have received training on the use of special software to conduct undercover investigations related to the sharing of child pornography on peer-to-peer (file sharing) networks.

Reid is charged with twenty-eight (28) counts of Sexual Exploitation of a Minor (§16-15-405), 2nd Degree, a felony offense punishable by two (2) to ten (10) years imprisonment on each count.

Reid is charged with sharing digital photographs and/or videos over the Internet depicting children engaged in sex acts. Reid's computer was seized for forensic examination. Files containing the pornographic images were found on that computer.

The United States Naval Criminal Investigations Service (NCIS) participated in the case.

A booking photo is available through the Hill-Finklea Detention Center in Moncks Corner, S.C.

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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