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Spartanburg Sheriff Arrests Local Man On Nine Counts of Child Pornography

Columbia – Attorney General Alan Wilson announced today that the Spartanburg County Sheriff's Office arrested Christopher Simmons Desjardins, 28, of 117 Mount Zion Road, Spartanburg, SC, on September 22, 2011, on nine (9) counts of Sexual Exploitation of a Minor.

The Spartanburg 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.

Desjardins is charged with one (1) count of Sexual Exploitation of a Minor, 2nd Degree (§16-15-405), a felony offense punishable by two (2) to ten (10) years imprisonment, and eight (8) counts of Sexual Exploitation of a Minor, 3rd Degree (§16-15-410), a felony punishable by up to ten (10) years imprisonment.

Arrest warrants allege Desjardins distributed and possessed images of minors engaged in sexual activities. Evidence seized from Desjardins' residence was submitted for forensic examination.

Desjardins was released on an \$18,000 bond. [A booking photo is available through the Spartanburg County Detention Facility.](#)

The Attorney General's Office is prosecuting the case.

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

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