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Attorney General Announces Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force Makes Three (3) Arrests on One Day.

COLUMBIA, SC – Attorney General Alan Wilson announced today three arrests made on May 15, 2012 by the Attorney General’s Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) arrests.

Bobby Glen Chapman, James Witton Lothar, and Richard Adam Burch were all arrested by members of the Attorney General’s ICAC Task Force.

Bobby Glen Chapman, Jr., 34, of 571 Cherry Street in Chesterfield, South Carolina, was arrested by the Attorney General’s office with assistance from the Florence Police Department, who is a member of the Attorney General’s Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) task force, and the Chesterfield Police Department.

Chapman was arrested on two (2) counts of Criminal Solicitation of a Minor (§16-15-342), a felony offense punishable by up to ten (10) years imprisonment for each count and one (1) count of Dissemination of Obscene Material to a Minor (§16-15-355), a felony offense punishable by up to ten (10) years imprisonment.

Arrest warrants allege Chapman solicited, received and disseminated obscene material to a minor, of or under the age of twelve. Chapman is being held on a \$5,000 surety bond in Chesterfield County. A booking photo is available through the Chesterfield County Detention Center.

James Witton Lothar, 56, of 202 Sanders Street in Seneca, South Carolina was arrested by the City of Anderson Police Department with assistance from the Oconee County Sheriff’s Office. Both the Anderson Police Department and the Oconee Sheriff’s Office are members of the Attorney General’s ICAC task force.

Lothar was arrested on one (1) count of Criminal Solicitation of a Minor (§16-15-342), a felony offense punishable by up to ten (10) years imprisonment.

Arrest warrants allege Lothar solicited from a minor via text message. Lothar is being held on a 25,000.00 surety bond with no internet access, no unsupervised contact with anyone under the age of 17 and no contact with the live victim in Oconee County or her family. A booking photo is available through the Anderson County Detention Center.

Richard Adam Burch, 30, of 103 Lyman Lake Road in Lyman, South Carolina by the City of Anderson Police Department as announced yesterday by Attorney General Wilson.

Burch was arrested on one (1) count of Criminal Solicitation of a Minor (§16-15-342), a felony offense punishable to ten (10) years imprisonment and one (1) count of Attempted Criminal Sexual Conduct with a Minor, Second Degree (§16-3-655(b)), a felony offense punishable to twenty (20) years imprisonment.

Arrest warrants allege that Burch used a Craigslist.com website ad to solicit sex from an individual he believed to be a minor child.

Burch is being held on a 100,000.00 surety bond with no internet access and no unsupervised contact with anyone under the age of 17. A booking photo is available through the Anderson County Detention Center.

These three arrests are the three hundred eighth (308th), three hundred ninth (309) and three hundred tenth (310) arrests made by the Attorney General's Task Force.

All three (3) cases 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.