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Abbeville County Magistrate George Ferguson Indicted by State Grand Jury, Charged with Misconduct in Office

COLUMBIA, SC – South Carolina Attorney General Alan Wilson announced the State Grand Jury today returned indictments against Abbeville County Magistrate George Ferguson. He was charged with two (2) counts of Misconduct in Office.

Misconduct in Office is a common law misdemeanor, punishable by up to ten (10) years in prison.

The indictment alleges Magistrate Ferguson gave two women, who had matters pending before him, money and favorable treatment in return for allowing him to have sexual contact with them.

The case will be prosecuted by Assistant Deputy Attorney General Creighton Waters. The investigation was conducted by agents of the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division.

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