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Florence Man Arrested on Child Pornography Charges

(COLUMBIA, S.C.) South Carolina Attorney General Alan Wilson announced the arrest of Jonathan Michael McKenzie (DOB: 01/2/1994) of Florence, S.C. on twenty (20) counts involving the sexual exploitation of minors. The Florence County Sheriff's Office, a member of the Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force, made the arrest.

A referral was received from investigators at the Berkeley County Sheriff's Office (also a member of the ICAC Task Force) that images depicting children engaged in sexual activity or in states of explicit nudity were downloaded through peer-to-peer file sharing to a computer traced to McKenzie's address. A search warrant was executed and computer equipment was seized for examination.

McKenzie was arrested on December 17, 2014 and charged with twenty (20) counts of Sexual Exploitation of a Minor, second degree (§16-15-405), a felony offense punishable by up to ten (10) years imprisonment on each count. Bond was set at \$5,000.

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

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

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