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COLUMBIA MAN ARRESTED ON CHILD PORNOGRAPHY CHARGES

(COLUMBIA, S.C.) South Carolina Attorney General Alan Wilson announced the arrest of Michael Scott Simmons (DOB: 10/17/1986) of Columbia, S.C. on six (6) counts involving the sexual exploitation of minors. The Columbia Police Department, a member of the Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force, made the arrest.

The ICAC Task Force received a referral from investigators at the Berkeley County Sheriff's Office (another member of the ICAC Task Force) that images depicting children engaged in sexual activity had been disseminated from an account traced to Simmons' residence. A search warrant was executed on July 14, 2014 by officers from the Columbia Police Department.

Simmons was arrested and transported to the Alvin S. Glenn Detention Center. He is charged with six (6) 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 \$15,000.

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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