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Laurens Man Arrested on Child Pornography Charges

(COLUMBIA, S.C.) South Carolina Attorney General Alan Wilson announced the arrest of Thomas Michael Jones (DOB: 1976) of Laurens, S.C., on 13 charges connected to sexual exploitation of minors. Investigators from the South Carolina Attorney General's Office made the arrest. The Laurens County Sheriff's Department, a member of the Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force, assisted in the arrest.

Investigators state that Jones was involved in distributing child pornography via a file-sharing network.

Jones was arrested August 25, 2016. He is charged with eight counts of Sexual Exploitation of a Minor, Second Degree (§16-15-405), a felony offense punishable by up to 10 years imprisonment on each count; and five counts Sexual Exploitation of a Minor, Third Degree (§16-15-410), a felony offense punishable by up to 10 years imprisonment on each count

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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