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Sumter Sheriff Arrests Previous Offender In Child Pornography Case

Columbia - Attorney General Alan Wilson announced today that Rick Barry Granger, 59, of 2600 Lowder Road, Lot 1-B, in Sumter, South Carolina was arrested on February 14, 2011, by the Sumter County Sheriff's Office on child pornography charges.

Granger is a registered sex offender in the state of South Carolina with a prior conviction for the possession of child pornography.

The Sumter County Sheriff's Office is a member of the Attorney General's Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force.

Granger is charged with eleven (11) counts of Sexual Exploitation of a Minor (§16-15-405), 3rd Degree, a felony offense punishable by up to ten (10) years imprisonment on each count.

Granger is charged with possession of graphic digital photographs and/or videos depicting children in a sexual nature. Granger's computers were seized for forensic examination.

A booking photo is available through the Sumter-Lee Counties Regional Detention Center in Sumter, SC, where he is being held on \$330,000 bond.

The case 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.