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Bluffton Man Arrested on Attempted Criminal Sexual Conduct with a Minor charge

(COLUMBIA, S.C.) South Carolina Attorney General Alan Wilson announced the arrest of Michelangelo Carletta III (DOB: 1992) of Bluffton, South Carolina on six (6) charges connected to sexual exploitation of minors. The Beaufort County Sheriff's Office, a member of the state's ICAC Task Force, made the arrest.

Investigators state that Carletta communicated with several minor victims over the internet. Carletta received explicit photos from the victims and attempted to meet one of the victims to engage in sexual activity.

Carletta was arrested on January 25, 2016. Carletta is charged with one (1) count of Attempted Criminal Sexual Conduct with a Minor, second degree (§16-3-655)(B)(1), a felony offense punishable by up to twenty (20) years; one (1) count of Attempted Sexual Exploitation of a Minor, first degree, (§16-15-395) a felony offense punishable by up to twenty (20) years imprisonment; one (1) count of Criminal Solicitation of a Minor (§16-15-342), a felony offense punishable by up to 10 years; one (1) count of Sexual Exploitation of a Minor, second degree, (§16-15-405), a felony offense punishable by up to ten (10) years imprisonment; one (1) count of Sexual Exploitation of a Minor, third degree (§16-15-410), a felony offense punishable by up to ten (10) years imprisonment; and one (1) count of Dissemination of Obscene Material to a Minor 18 Years or Younger, (§16-15-345), a felony offense punishable by up to ten (10) years imprisonment.

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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