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Charleston Man Arrested for Criminal Sexual Solicitation and Child Pornography Charges

(COLUMBIA, S.C.) South Carolina Attorney General Alan Wilson announced the arrest of Philip Andrew Putnam (DOB: 1992) of Charleston, S.C. for nine charges in connection with the sexual exploitation of a minor. The Charleston County Sheriff's Office, a member of the Attorney General's Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force, made the arrest.

Investigators say Putnam solicited sexually explicit photos from a young victim. In the course of the investigation, Putnam also admitted he engaged in sexual activity with an animal.

Putnam was arrested on July 15, 2015. He is charged with two (2) counts of Criminal Solicitation of a Minor (§16-15-342), a felony offense punishable by up to 10 years on each count; one (1) count of Sexual Exploitation of a Minor, first degree, (§16-15-395), a felony offense punishable by up to twenty (20) years imprisonment; five (5) 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; and one (1) count of Buggery (§16-15-120), a felony offense punishable by five (5) years imprisonment or a fine at the discretion of the court.

Bond was set at \$125,000. Putnam is to have no computer usage, remain under house arrest at parents' residence (with specific exceptions), and have no contact with anyone under age 18.

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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