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Blythewood Man Arrested on Child Pornography Charges

(COLUMBIA, S.C.) South Carolina Attorney General Alan Wilson announced the arrest of Garrett Andrew Crouch (DOB: 1986) of Blythewood, S.C. on ten (10) counts involving the sexual exploitation of minors. The South Carolina Attorney General's Office, a member of the Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force, made the arrest. Assistance was provided by the Berkeley County Sheriff's Office and the Richland County Sheriff's Department, both ICAC Task Force members.

Investigators say that in November 2014, Crouch was involved in the exchanging of child pornography via peer-to-peer file sharing.

Crouch was arrested on March 27, 2015 and charged with ten (10) 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 \$50,000.

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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