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Subject: News Release Criminal Exploitation Arrest

For Immediate Release:

(Charleston County, SC) On December 17, 2016, shortly before 12:00 a.m., members of the Charleston County Sheriff's Office and the South Carolina ICAC Task Force, arrested Bradley Edward Mea, 27, of Sam Rittenberg

Blvd., and charged him with Criminal Solicitation of a Minor, Second Degree Criminal Exploitation of a Minor, and First Degree Criminal Exploitation of a Minor.

On November 20, 2016, the parent of a 13-year-old victim reported to the Sheriff's Office that Bradley Mea coerced the victim into sending multiple nude photographs and videos of her through the social media platform known as "SnapChat". Bradley Mea was aware of the victim's age and continued to demand that the victim send additional photos, or he would post the pictures of her nudity on social media if she didn't. This information was discovered during a criminal investigation conducted by the Charleston County Sheriff's Office and the South Carolina ICAC Task Force.

Bradley Mea was arrested when he arrived at the Charleston International Airport on December 17, 2016. A bond hearing was held today at 10:00 a.m. Bradley Mea is a teacher at Palmetto Scholars Academy. Bradley Mea is being held at the Al Cannon Detention Center.

Major Eric Watson, PIO