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Charleston Man Arrested in Child Pornography Case

Columbia - Attorney General Henry McMaster announced today that James Madison Prevatt, II, 33, of 6 Peeks Pike, in Charleston, South Carolina, was arrested on June 30, 2010, by the City of Charleston Police Department for distribution of child pornography.

The Charleston Police Department is a member of the Attorney General's Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force. Task Force investigators have received training on the use of special software to conduct undercover investigations related to the sharing of child pornography on peer-to-peer (file sharing) networks.

Prevatt is charged with one (1) count of Sexual Exploitation of a Minor (§16-15-405), 2nd Degree, a felony offense punishable by two (2) to ten (10) years imprisonment, and one (1) count of Lewd Act on a Minor (§16-15-140), a felony offense punishable to fifteen (15) years imprisonment and a fine in the discretion of the court.

Prevatt is charged with sharing digital photographs and videos over the Internet depicting children engaged in sex acts. A search warrant was executed at Prevatt's residence, and four (4) computers, two (2) hard drives, and other computer-related items were seized and taken to the Charleston Police Department's Digital Evidence Unit for forensic examination.

A nineteen (19) month old child has been removed from the home and placed into emergency protective custody.

A booking photo is available through the Charleston County Detention Center.

The case will be prosecuted by the Attorney General's Office.

McMaster stressed that all defendants are presumed innocent unless and until they are proven guilty in a court of law.

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