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Spartanburg Man Arrested in Child Pornography Case

Columbia - Attorney General Henry McMaster announced today that Christopher Eugene Carter, 41, of 320 Mitchell Street, in Spartanburg, South Carolina, was arrested on August 25, 2010, by the Spartanburg County Sheriff's Office on child pornography charges.

The Spartanburg County Sheriff's Office 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.

Carter 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 Sexual Exploitation of a Minor (§16-15-410), 3rd Degree, a felony offense punishable to ten (10) years imprisonment.

Carter is charged with sharing digital photographs and/or videos over the Internet depicting children engaged in sex acts. Carter's computer was seized for forensic examination. Files containing the pornographic images were found on that computer.

A booking photo is available through the Spartanburg 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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