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Goose Creek Man Arrested in Child Pornography Case

Columbia, S.C. – Attorney General Henry McMaster announced today that William Michael Graves, 52, of 166 Foxborough Road in Goose Creek, was arrested on November 16, 2006, by the State Law Enforcement Division (SLED) on child pornography charges.

SLED is a partner on the Attorney General's Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force.

Graves is charged with Sexual Exploitation of a Minor, Second Degree (§16-15-405), a felony offense punishable by two (2) to ten (10) years imprisonment.

According to the arrest warrant, the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) received a tip from Internet service provider Yahoo that an individual had uploaded images containing child pornography to a user group on a Yahoo server. Investigation led officers to Graves.

Officers of SLED and the Goose Creek Police Department executed a search warrant at Graves' residence. Images of young boys engaged in sexual activity were found downloaded on Graves' computer.

Graves was assigned a bond of \$40,000.

A booking photo may be obtained from the Berkeley County Detention Center.

The Attorney General's Office will prosecute the case.

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