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Lancaster Man Arrested in Child Pornography Case

Columbia, S.C. – Attorney General Henry McMaster announced today that Brian Reece, 35, of 1891 Sunny Lane in Lancaster, was arrested on October 4, 2006, by the State Law Enforcement Division (SLED) on child pornography charges.

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

Reece 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 arrest warrants, the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) received a tip in August 2006 from Internet service provider Yahoo that an individual using a screen name of "kidlover19" had uploaded a movie containing child pornography to a user group on a Yahoo server. Investigation of the information provided led officers to Reece.

Officers of SLED and the Lancaster County Sheriff's Office executed a search warrant at Reece's residence on October 4, 2006. Images and movies of toddlers being sexually abused were found downloaded on Reece's computer.

A bond hearing is scheduled for today at 4:30 p.m. at the Lancaster County Detention Center before Magistrate Lee Deese.

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.

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