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COLUMBIA MAN CHARGED IN SEXUAL EXPLOITATION INVESTIGATION

The South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) announces the arrest of a Columbia man accused of downloading and disseminating child pornography.

Donald Lewis Hughes, 66, of 113 Stephenson Lane, Columbia, S.C., (Lexington County) is charged with **Second Degree Sexual Exploitation of a Minor** as part of the Attorney General's Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force (ICAC).

According to an arrest warrant, Hughes distributed, transported, exhibited, received, exchanged, or solicited materials that showed minors engaged in sexual activity through the use of the Internet.

The crime allegedly happened on or about February 10, 2009.

This is the 233rd Criminal Solicitation/Sexual Exploitation case investigated by the SC Computer Crimes Center.

Second Degree Sexual Exploitation of a Minor is a felony punishable up to ten (10) years in prison.

The Lexington County Sheriff's Department assisted with this investigation.

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

For a booking photograph of Hughes, please visit www.lex-co.com/sheriff, then click on "Inmate Search."