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LEXINGTON COUNTY MAN ACCUSED OF SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR

The South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) announces the arrest of a Columbia man accused of possessing pornographic images of children on a computer.

William Henry Graves, 57, of 6707 Nursery Road, Columbia, S.C., is charged with **Third Degree Criminal Exploitation of a Minor** as part of the Attorney General's Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force (ICAC).

According to an arrest warrant, he knowingly possessed on his home computer, several visual images of minors engaged in sex acts.

The alleged crime happened on or about October 29, 2008 in Lexington County.

The South Carolina Computer Crime Center received information on the Cyber Tipline from The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC).

The NCMEC was alerted by America OnLine (AOL), a global internet service after criminal activity was discovered on its servers.

With a search warrant, SLED agents seized electronic media from Graves' residence.

This is the 234th Criminal Solicitation/Sexual Exploitation case investigated by the SC Computer Crimes Center.

Third Degree Criminal Solicitation of a Minor is a felony offense punishable up to ten (10) years in prison.

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

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

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