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**Greenville Man Sentenced on 5 counts of Sexual Exploitation
Of A Minor, Third Degree**

Thirteenth Circuit Solicitor Walt Wilkins states that FREDRICK ROBERT CHAPPELL, age 44, was convicted on March 6, 2012, by a Greenville County jury of five counts of Sexual Exploitation of a Minor, Third Degree. He was sentenced by the Honorable Robin B. Stilwell to a total of 20 years in the South Carolina Department of Corrections.

Evidence presented at the trial by Assistant Solicitor Mark Moyer established that in January 2011, Greenville County Sheriff's Office investigators received a tip from Mr. Chappell's mother that she had found child pornography on Mr. Chappell's laptop computer. Officers went to the residence on Hilltop Avenue in Greenville where Mr. Chappell lived with his mother and step-father and confiscated the computer. Sheriff's Investigators Jim Perry and Michael Rainey conducted a forensic examination of the computer and found multiple videos of children between the ages of three and ten years old engaging in sexual activity.

At the sentencing hearing, Judge Stilwell was informed that Mr. Chappell was convicted in 1994 of criminal sexual conduct with an eight year old child and sentenced to 20 years in prison. He was released in 2005. He was on the sex offender registry when he downloaded the sexually explicit material onto his computer

