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JCSO Executes Search and Arrest Warrants in Child Exploitation Case

JASPER COUNTY, S.C. — On Friday, June 13, 2025, the Jasper County Sheriff's Office executed a search warrant at a residence in Hardeeville and served fifteen (15) arrest warrants on Brian David Banegas for Sexual Exploitation of a Minor, 2nd Degree.

The investigation was initiated after the Sheriff's Office received multiple Cyber Tips from the South Carolina Attorney General's Office via the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC). Banegas was taken into custody without incident.

Sheriff Chris Malphrus stated, "Our agency takes crimes against children extremely seriously. The nature of this case is especially disturbing due to the young ages of the victims involved. We are committed to using every available resource to ensure individuals who exploit children are held fully accountable."

This case remains under active investigation. No additional details will be released at this time.

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