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## **JCSO Executes Search Warrant and Arrest in Ongoing Exploitation Investigation**

**JASPER COUNTY, S.C.** — On July 18, 2025, the Jasper County Sheriff's Office Special Victims Unit, with support from the Criminal Investigation Division, Narcotics Enforcement Unit, and the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED), executed a search warrant and five arrest warrants at a residence on Sweet William Road in Ridgeland.

The operation was part of an active investigation into 48-year-old Luis Manuel Chavez Severiano, who was wanted on five counts of Sexual Exploitation of a Minor, 2nd Degree. The investigation began after a CyberTip from the South Carolina Attorney General's Office alerted authorities to possible online child exploitation.

During the search, investigators recovered cocaine and several fraudulent documents, including fake permanent resident cards, Social Security cards, and passports. Chavez Severiano was taken into custody and transported to the Jasper County Detention Center. In addition to the exploitation charges, he now faces multiple pending charges related to the illegal items found at the residence.

The Jasper County Sheriff's Office would like to thank the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) for their assistance and partnership in helping move this case forward.

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