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AG ALAN WILSON INVESTIGATING FACEBOOK FOR POSSIBLE ANTITRUST VIOLATIONS



(COLUMBIA, S.C.) - Oct. 22, 2019 - South Carolina Attorney General Alan Wilson and attorneys general from across the country today announced an antitrust investigation of Facebook's business practices. A total of 47 attorneys general are part of the effort.

In regard to the investigation, Attorney General Wilson stated, "Competition built this country and free and competitive markets are important for social media platforms. We are part of a bipartisan group investigating whether Facebook violated any state or federal laws. To ensure that there is meaningful market-based competition, we will work exhaustively to verify that companies follow the law."

The investigation focuses on Facebook's dominance in the industry and the potential anti-competitive conduct stemming from that dominance. As the facts develop, we will proceed appropriately.

New York Attorney General Letitia James, along with the attorneys general of Colorado, Florida, Iowa, Nebraska, North Carolina, Ohio, Tennessee, and the District of Columbia, are leading the investigation into Facebook. Additionally, joining Attorney General Wilson in announcing they have joined the investigation of Facebook today, are the attorneys general from Arizona, Arkansas, Connecticut, Delaware, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Texas, Vermont, Virginia, Wisconsin, Wyoming, and the territory of Guam, in addition to a number of other states that cannot confirm their participation in pending investigations.

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Greenville County Man Arrested on Child Pornography Charges

Oct 30, 2019

(COLUMBIA, S.C.) – Oct. 30, 2019 – South Carolina Attorney General Alan Wilson announced the arrest of David Matthew Roberts, age 23, of Taylors, SC, on 10 charges connected to the sexual exploitation of a minor. Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force investigators with the Greenville County Sheriff's Office made the arrest. Investigators with the Attorney General's Office, also a member of the state's ICAC Task Force, assisted with this investigation. Investigators received a CyberTipline report from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) which led them to Roberts. Investigators state Roberts possessed child pornography.

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Marion County Man Arrested on Child Pornography Charges

Oct 29, 2019

(COLUMBIA, S.C.) – Oct. 29, 2019 – South Carolina Attorney General Alan Wilson announced the arrest of Andre Laquan Weathers, age 48, of Marion, SC on two charges connected to the sexual exploitation of a minor. Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force investigators with the Marion County Sheriff's Office made the arrest. Investigators state Weathers encouraged a minor to produce and send sexually explicit images. Weathers was arrested on October 28, 2019. He is charged with two counts of sexual exploitation of a minor, first degree (§16-15-395), a felony offense punishable by up to 20 years imprisonment...

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