



Georgetown County Sheriff's Office

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News Release

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Georgetown County Sheriff's Deputy Arrested

(Georgetown, SC)---Authorities with the South Carolina State Law Enforcement Division (SLED) and the Georgetown County Sheriff's Office arrested 35-year-old Ron Christopher Crabtree, former Georgetown County Sheriff's Deputy, this afternoon for Criminal Sexual Conduct 2nd Degree and Lewd Act on a Child.

The investigation began on February 2, 2009 when authorities in Ohio made contact with the Georgetown County Sheriff's Office with sexual assault allegations against Deputy Crabtree. The allegations were received from Ohio authorities because the victim lives in Ohio and the incident allegedly occurred in Pawley's Island.

Georgetown County Sheriff's Investigators made a preliminary inquiry into the allegations with the authorities in Ohio and subsequent to the preliminary inquiry; Deputy Crabtree was placed on leave with pay.

Sheriff A. Lane Cribb requested that SLED assist in the investigation. During the course of the investigation, Deputy Crabtree's employment was terminated.

Crabtree was arrested at the Georgetown County Sheriff's Office after turning himself in and transported to the Georgetown County Detention Center by SLED. Crabtree served with the Georgetown County Sheriff's Office for 2.5 years.

Any further inquiries about this arrest, please contact SLED.
