

## Former Upstate state trooper indicted on child pornography charges

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A former state trooper has been indicted by federal authorities on two charges of child pornography.

The U.S. Attorney's Office announced the indictments on Tuesday. Federal authorities listed Randy Lynn Quinn's address as Townville in Anderson County, but authorities searched his home at 1283 Old Johnson Road in Cowpens on June 7.

Quinn, 34, was fired the same day of the search warrant. The reason for the termination was "improper conduct," said Sid Gaulden, director of the S.C. Department of Public Safety.

Quinn was assigned to Troop 4 with the Highway Patrol, which includes York, Chester, Chesterfield, Union, Lancaster, Cherokee and Fairfield counties.

Quinn had worked for the Highway Patrol since March 2006, and had worked previously as a Gaffney police officer.

The case has been investigated by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement Homeland Security Investigations agents, according to the U.S. Attorney's Office.

The case is being brought as part of Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative designed to protect children from online exploitation and abuse, a press release from the U.S. Attorney's Office said.

Project Safe Childhood is led by the U.S. Attorney's Office and coordinates federal, state and local resources to find, arrest and prosecute those who exploit children via the Internet, and identify and rescue victims.

Quinn faces 10 years in prison on one charge, and 20 years on the second if convicted, federal authorities say.

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