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Former corrections officer arrested on child porn charges

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RICHLAND COUNTY, SC (WIS) - A former corrections officer and worker at the Lexington County Sheriff's Department has been hit with three counts of second degree sexual exploitation of a minor.

According to the attorney general's office, 67-year-old William Fitzhugh was arrested on Monday.

Attorney General Alan Wilson says an undercover agent from the Berkeley County Sheriff's Office downloaded images depicting children engaged in sexual activity from a Richland County IP address.

That IP address was traced to Fitzhugh's residence, according to officials. The Richland County Sheriff's Department then executed a search warrant at the residence and seized a laptop and other computer-related equipment.

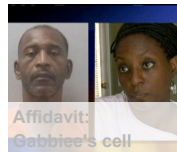
Fitzhugh, according to the Lexington County Sheriff's Department, worked as a corrections officer at the county's detention center from Feb. 4, 2002 to Oct. 24, 2005. Following that, they say he transferred to a civilian position at the front desk of the Sheriff's Department until 2007.

Fitzhugh could face up to 2 to 10 years in prison on each charge. Bond was set for him at \$25,000 surety.

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