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## CCSO charges North Charleston man with nearly a dozen sexual crimes involving children

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**NORTH CHARLESTON, S.C.** – The Charleston County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) is charging Michael Payne Beans, 27, of North Charleston, with nearly a dozen sexual crimes involving children.

Beans was first arrested after an incident investigated by the City of Charleston Police Department (CPD), the Folly Beach Police Department (FBPD), and Probation and Parole (P&P). FBPD detectives then executed a search warrant on his phone, discovering digital images involving minors. The case was then forwarded to CCSO detectives

As a result of that discovery, the Charleston County Sheriff's Office is charging Beans with ten counts of Sexual Exploitation of a Minor in the Third Degree and one count of Voyeurism. Affidavits for each charge are enclosed with this release.

He was booked at the Sheriff Al Cannon Detention Center. Booking photos can be found online at <https://inmatesearch.charlestoncounty.org/>. For photos of people already released, click the "Show Past Bookings" box.

Detectives believe there may be more individuals who were victimized by Beans. Those individuals are encouraged to contact CCSO Detective Jason Bowen at [jbowen@charlestoncounty.org](mailto:jbowen@charlestoncounty.org) or 843-529-6208. They can also contact a Sheriff's Office Victim/Witness Advocate at 843-745-2250, 843-745-2251, or 843-745-2252.

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