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RE: Warren Perry
Don Williams
Ginny Williams
Jennifer "Niki" Howard

On July 20, 2026, the above-referenced defendants were arrested on various charges arising from allegations that a registered sex offender was permitted to volunteer at Pawleys Island Christian Academy.

Pawleys Island Christian Academy is a daycare and preschool operated in conjunction with Pawleys Island Community Church. The individual at the center of this matter, Warren Perry, is a registered sex offender who was under the supervision of the South Carolina Department of Probation, Parole and Pardon Services following his 2023 guilty plea to Sexual Exploitation of a Minor. That case was investigated through the Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force and prosecuted by the South Carolina Attorney General's Office. Mr. Perry was represented in that matter by attorney, Angela Lane. Since the resolution of Mr. Perry's case in 2023, Ms. Lane has joined the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit Solicitor's Office as an Assistant Solicitor assigned to prosecute cases in Georgetown County.

Although the defendants have been arrested and bond hearings have been conducted, our office has not yet received the investigative file. Nevertheless, to avoid any appearance of a conflict of interest or impropriety resulting from Ms. Lane's prior representation of Mr. Perry, I respectfully request that the Attorney General's Office assume responsibility for the prosecution of these defendants or, alternatively, reassign the cases to another prosecuting authority outside the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit.

I would appreciate your consideration of this request and any assistance you are able to provide. Please let me know if you need any additional information.

Sincerely,

Jimmy A. Richardson, II, Solicitor

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