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**TO: MEMBERS OF THE MEDIA
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

RE: ANTHONY STRICKLAND – DISMISSAL OF CHARGES

Conway, South Carolina – This week the Solicitor’s Office for the 15th Judicial Circuit announced the dismissal of charges against Anthony Strickland in connection with allegations of criminal sexual assault upon a minor. This news comes as a long-awaited relief for a man who has been subjected to a three-year long nightmare that saw his life turned upside down, and his reputation tarnished in the worst possible way. There is no mistaking that the circumstances involved in this case amount to a tragic human event. Not only because of the horrible abuse which was inflicted upon the minor children in this case by Lindsey Honeycutt, Ambrose Heavener, and Peter Spirakis but also because it resulted in an innocent man being wrongly associated and charged with some of the worst violations of the law of South Carolina.

Mr. Strickland has maintained his innocence since he first learned of the allegations in this case. This occurred when officers with the Horry County Police Department executed an arrest warrant upon him at his home. Prior to that, he had not been interviewed or asked to provide any information. Upon his arrest Mr. Strickland did not invoke his right to remain silent but instead told investigating officers what he knew. This was that he had a prior romantic relationship with Lindsey Honeycutt which had ended months before, when he learned of her continued drug use. Mr. Strickland, who has sole custody of his two children, refused to allow any such behavior in his home. Mr. Strickland’s only contact with the other co-defendants in the case was an incident where he was forced to remove from the gentleman’s club “Chez Joey”, where he worked as a manager. Mr. Strickland otherwise did not know the other individuals. Despite physical evidence that Mr. Strickland could not be the individual being referred to as one of the abusers by the children, and that “the club” referred to by the children could not be Chez Joey, officers proceeded with the institution of charges. As the case continued, Mr. Strickland voluntarily submitted himself to a polygraph examination conducted by agents of the State Law Enforcement Division (SLED) and Defendant Lindsey Honeycutt eventually corroborated that Mr. Strickland was not involved in any of the abuse. The decision on the part of the Solicitor’s office to dismiss the charges against Mr. Strickland will no doubt be viewed as an unpopular one with certain members of the public. However, we believe it is the right decision given the evidence in this case and commend the Solicitor’s Office with ultimately making such a decision.

Wherever life takes you, we'll be there.

It is my hope, and that of my client, that those in the media who have devoted so much airtime and print space to the allegations against Mr. Strickland will take the time to provide equal coverage to the dismissal of these charges.

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