



Greenville County Republican Party

PRESS RELEASE

Greenville, SC – January 14, 2026 – The Greenville County Republican Party (GCRP) expresses its sincere gratitude to the Office of the United States Attorney for the District of South Carolina for their diligent and thorough work in prosecuting former State Representative and co-founder of the SC Freedom Caucus, RJ May, on federal charges of distributing child sexual abuse material.

We are thankful for the comprehensive investigation and prosecution that ensured accountability, culminating in today's court-imposed sentence of **17.5 years in federal prison**, to be followed by **20 years of supervised release** and **\$58,000 in restitution** to victims.

As a public servant who advanced legislation aimed at punishing child abusers and protecting vulnerable individuals, Mr. May's private actions in distributing such horrific and depraved material represent a **profound betrayal** of public trust and the very principles he publicly championed. He, above all others, should have known better.

Chairman Jeff Davis of the Greenville County Republican Party stated: *"It is disgusting but not surprising to find this level of depravity in South Carolina politics. This case is a stark reminder of how predators can hide behind positions of power and public virtue, making the betrayal even more egregious."*

Crimes against children are among the most heinous offenses imaginable, and we stand firmly with the victims and their families in demanding full justice. The Greenville County GOP remains unwavering in its commitment to upholding the rule of law, protecting the innocent, and supporting every effort to combat child exploitation at all levels.

We continue to pray for healing and restoration for all those affected by this tragedy.



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The Greenville County Republican Party (GCRP) represents Republican voters in Greenville County, South Carolina. As a steadfast supporter of President Donald Trump's America FIRST movement, the GCRP is dedicated to promoting conservative values, limited government, constitutional liberties, and national sovereignty. For more information or media inquiries, contact **GCRP Chairman Jeff Davis, JD, MBA, CPA(GA)**, at 843-901-8036 or jeff@apogeetax.com, or **GCRP Chief of Staff Olga Lisinska** at 843-901-8035 or olga@apogeetax.com. Visit www.GreenvilleGOP.com for details on events and our open house every Friday from 11am–1pm at 2505 Wade Hampton Blvd, Greenville, SC 29615.