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## **Chester County Man Arrested in Internet Predator Sting**

**Columbia** - Attorney General Henry McMaster announced today that Ronald Delean Johnson, 32, of 2006 Old Mule Road in Richburg, South Carolina, was arrested on June 22, 2009, in an undercover Internet sting conducted by the Attorney General's Office.

The Attorney General directs the state's Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force.

Johnson was arrested on one (1) count of Criminal Solicitation of a Minor (§16-15-342), a felony offense punishable to ten (10) years imprisonment, and one (1) count of Attempted Criminal Sexual conduct with a Minor (§16-3-655), a felony offense punishable to twenty (20) years imprisonment.

Arrest warrants allege that beginning on June 8, 2009, Johnson solicited sex on the Internet from an individual he believed to be a thirteen (13) year old girl. In reality, he was communicating with an undercover investigator for the Attorney General's Office. Johnson arranged to meet the "girl" for sex at a predetermined location in the Town of Chapin. He was arrested upon his arrival at that location.

A search warrant was executed on Johnson's residence, and a computer was seized. The Chapin Police Department and Lexington County Sheriff's Department (also a Task Force member) assisted with the case.

Johnson was assigned a \$50,000 bond. [A booking photo is available through the Lexington County Detention Center.](#)

This is the one hundred sixty-third (163<sup>rd</sup>) arrest for the Task Force.

The case will be prosecuted by the Attorney General's Office.

McMaster stressed that all defendants are presumed innocent unless and until they are proven guilty in a court of law.

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