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York County Sheriff Arrests Rock Hill Man in Internet Predator Sting

Columbia - Attorney General Henry McMaster announced today that Michael Todd Sibley, 27, of 4077 Canvas Avenue in Rock Hill, was arrested on May 31, 2007, in an undercover Internet sting conducted by the York County Sheriff's Office.

The York County Sheriff's Office is a member of the Attorney General's Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force.

Sibley 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(B)), a felony offense punishable to twenty (20) years imprisonment.

Arrest warrants allege that beginning May 2, 2007, Sibley solicited sex in an online "chat" with a person he believed to be a twelve (12) year old girl. In reality, he was communicating with an undercover York County Sheriff's Deputy. Sibley further arranged to meet the "girl" for sex at a predetermined location in York County. He was arrested upon his arrival at that location.

Search warrants were executed at both Sibley's residence and his parents' residence on May 31, and resulted in the seizure of two (2) computers.

Sibley was assigned a bond of \$40,000. A booking photo is available through the York County Detention Center.

This is the seventy-ninth (79th) arrest since the Internet Predator law was passed in April 2004.

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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