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Clinton Police Arrest Columbia Man in Internet Predator Sting

Columbia - Attorney General Henry McMaster announced today that Michael Eugene Gregor, 43, of 34 Paperbark Court in Columbia, was arrested on January 24, 2009, in an undercover Internet sting conducted by the City of Clinton Department of Public Safety.

The Clinton Department of Public Safety is a member of the Attorney General's Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force.

Gregor was arrested on one (1) count of Criminal Solicitation of a Minor (§16-15-342), a felony offense punishable to ten (10) years imprisonment; one count of Attempted Dissemination of Obscene Material to a Minor (§16-15-385), a felony offense punishable to ten (10) years imprisonment and a \$5,000 fine; 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 December 25, 2008, Gregor 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 Clinton Police officer. Gregor further arranged to meet the "girl" for sex at a predetermined location in Clinton. He was arrested upon his arrival at that location.

The Richland County Sheriff's Department and the Lexington County Sheriff's Department (also members of the Task Force), along with the City of Columbia Police Department, assisted the case with the execution of search warrants at Gregor's home and place of business, which resulted in the seizure of multiple computers and computer-related items.

Gregor was denied bond. A booking photo is available through the Clinton Department of Public Safety.

This is the one hundred fiftieth (150th) 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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