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Craigslist Told to Remove Illegal Content in Ten Days or Face Possible Prosecution

Anderson, S.C. – Attorney General Henry McMaster today called on the CEO of the Internet classified site “craigslist” to remove “the portions of the Internet site dedicated to South Carolina and its municipal regions which contain categories for and functions allowing for the solicitation of prostitution and the dissemination and posting of graphic pornographic material” within ten (10) days.

“If those South Carolina portions of the site are not removed,” McMaster said, “the management of craigslist may be subject to criminal investigation and prosecution.”

Read McMaster’s letter to craigslist: http://www.scag.gov/newsroom/pdf/2009/craigslist_letter.pdf

A number of area law enforcement officials, including Anderson County Sheriff John Skipper, Pickens County Sheriff David Stone, and Oconee County Sheriff James Singleton, joined McMaster today at the Anderson County Sheriff’s Office to make the announcement.

In November 2008, craigslist entered into an agreement with forty (40) state Attorneys General and the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (“NCMEC”) to put in place safeguards to combat unlawful activity and improve public safety on the craigslist Internet classified service.

Recent national events, along with ongoing law enforcement efforts in South Carolina clearly indicate that craigslist has not put in place sufficient safeguards in the last six (6) months to prohibit the Internet site from being used as a vehicle to advertise or solicit prostitution and to post graphic pornographic pictures accessible to minors.

Read the agreement here: <http://www.scattorneygeneral.com/newsroom/pdf/2009/craigslist.pdf>

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