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SLED Arrests Dillon County Man in Internet Predator Investigation

Columbia - Attorney General Henry McMaster announced today that William Truett Rogers, 29, of 1160 Old River Road in Fork, South Carolina, was arrested on December 1, 2009, in an Internet Predator case investigated by the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED).

SLED is a member of the Attorney General's Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force.

Rogers 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 (1) count of Dissemination of Harmful Material to a Minor (§16-15-385), a felony offense punishable to ten (10) years imprisonment and a \$5,000 fine; one (1) count of Criminal Sexual Conduct with a Minor (§16-3-655(2)), a felony offense punishable to twenty (20) years imprisonment; and eighteen (18) counts of Sexual Exploitation of a Minor (§16-15-410, 3rd degree), a felony offense punishable to ten (10) years imprisonment on each count.

Arrest warrants allege that beginning in Summer 2009, Rogers sent obscene email to an individual he believed to be a thirteen (13) year old girl. A search warrant was executed at Rogers' residence. During an interview conducted by SLED agents, it was determined that Rogers had sexual intercourse with the thirteen (13) year old, and that he possibly had images of child pornography stored on his computer.

The Dillon County Sheriff's Office assisted the case with the execution of a search warrant at Rogers' residence, which resulted in the seizure of a computer.

Rogers was assigned a \$50,000 bond. A booking photo is available through the Dillon County Detention Center.

This is the one hundred eighty-first (181st) 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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