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Irmo Man Arrested in Internet Predator Sting

Columbia - Attorney General Henry McMaster announced today that Richard M. Lipkin, 54, of 413 Misty Glen Circle in Irmo, South Carolina, was arrested on December 3, 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.

Lipkin 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 Obscene Material to a Minor (§16-15-345), a felony offense punishable to ten (10) years imprisonment.

Arrest warrants allege that beginning on September 5, 2009, Lipkin solicited sex on the Internet from an individual he believed to be a minor girl. In reality, he was communicating with an undercover investigator for the Attorney General's Office.

A search warrant was executed on Lipkin's residence, and four (4) computers were seized. The Richland County Sheriff's Department (also a member of the Task Force) assisted with the case.

Lipkin was assigned a \$25,000 PR bond. A booking photo is available through the Alvin S. Glenn Detention Center.

This is the one hundred eighty-fourth (184th) 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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