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## **Sumter Sheriff Arrests Rembert Man in Child Predator Case**

**Columbia** - Attorney General Henry McMaster announced today that Tyrone T. Diggs, 20, of 5410 Mattie McDaniel Road in Rembert, was arrested on March 23, 2009, in a child predator investigation by the Sumter County Sheriff's Office.

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

Diggs was arrested on one (1) count of Criminal Solicitation of a Minor (§16-15-342), a felony offense punishable to ten (10) years imprisonment.

An arrest warrant alleges that Diggs solicited sex using text messaging on a cell phone from a fourteen (14) year old girl. The girl's mother became aware of the messages and turned in the girl's cell phone to law enforcement. The messages were found to contain sexually explicit language and attempts to convince the girl to meet for sex.

Diggs was assigned a \$10,000 bond. A booking photo is available through the Sumter County Detention Center.

This is the one hundred fifty-first (151<sup>st</sup>) 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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