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Anderson Police Arrest Williamston Man In Internet Predator Sting

50th Arrest for the Internet Predator Task Force

Columbia - Attorney General Henry McMaster announced today that Charles Morgan Wilson, 24, of 103 Bragg Drive in Williamston, was arrested on December 20, 2006, in an undercover Internet sting conducted by the City of Anderson Police Department.

The City of Anderson Police Department is a member of the Attorney General's Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force.

Wilson was arrested on one (1) count of Criminal Solicitation of a Minor (§ 16-15-342), a felony offense punishable to ten (10) years imprisonment and one (1) count of Attempted Criminal Sexual Conduct With a Minor (§ 16-3-655(B)), a felony offense punishable to twenty (20) years imprisonment.

Arrest warrants allege that Wilson began online "chats" on December 20, 2006, with a person he believed to be a twelve (12) year old girl. In reality, he was communicating with an undercover Anderson Police Officer. Wilson further arranged to meet the "girl" for sex at a predetermined location in Anderson. He was arrested upon his arrival at that location the same day.

A search warrant was executed at Wilson's residence early this morning, assisted by the Anderson County Sheriff's Office (also an ICAC Task Force member), and resulted in the seizure of a computer and computer-related items.

Wilson's bond was set at \$100,000. A booking photo is available through the Anderson County Detention Center.

Wilson is currently on probation for a prior criminal offense.

This is the fiftieth (50th) arrest since the Internet Predator law was passed in April 2004.

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.