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## **Anderson Police Arrest Aiken Man In Internet Predator Sting**

**Columbia** - Attorney General Henry McMaster announced today that Christopher Lee Dickert, 26, of 1623 Wire Road in Aiken, was arrested on January 13, 2007, 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.

Dickert 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. Dickert also faces a charge of Simple Possession of Marijuana (§ 44-53-370(c)), a misdemeanor offense punishable to six (6) months imprisonment and a \$1,000 fine.

Arrest warrants allege that Dickert began online "chats" on January 4, 2007, with a person he believed to be a twelve (12) year old girl. In reality, he was communicating with an undercover Anderson Police Officer. Dickert further arranged to meet the "girl" for sex at a predetermined location in Anderson. He was arrested upon his arrival at that location at approximately 12:30 a.m. on January 13.

A search warrant was executed at Dickert's workplace on January 13, and resulted in the seizure of a computer and computer-related items. The City of North Augusta Police Department assisted with the search.

Dickert's bond was set at \$25,000. A booking photo is available through the Anderson County Detention Center.

This is the fifty-fourth (54<sup>th</sup>) 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.

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