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## **Anderson Police Arrest Laurens County Man in Internet Predator Sting**

**Columbia** - Attorney General Henry McMaster announced today that William Ralph Ramsey, 41, of 150 Hawk Lane in Fountain Inn, was arrested on May 18, 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.

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

Arrest warrants allege that beginning on January 1, 2007, Ramsey solicited sex on the Internet with an individual he believed to be a twelve (12) year old girl. In reality, he was communicating with an undercover Anderson police officer.

Search warrants were executed at Ramsey's residence on May 18, and resulted in the seizure of a desktop computer and computer-related equipment.

The Laurens County Sheriff's Office, also a member of the ICAC Task Force, assisted with the arrest and search.

Ramsey was assigned a bond of \$25,000. A booking photo is available through the Anderson City Detention Center.

This is the seventy-eighth (78<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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