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Batesburg Man Arrested In Internet Predator Sting

Columbia, S.C. – Attorney General Henry McMaster announced today that Zackery Aris Boley, 21, of 188 West Creek Road in Batesburg, was arrested on August 16, 2006, in an undercover sting conducted by the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED).

SLED is a partner in the Attorney General's Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force.

Boley was arrested for Criminal Solicitation of a Minor (§ 16-15-342), a felony offense punishable to ten (10) years imprisonment.

The arrest warrant alleges that Boley solicited sex on July 26, 2006, from a person he believed to be a fourteen (14) year old girl. In reality, he was seeking sex from an undercover SLED agent.

A search warrant was executed at Boley's residence, and resulted in the seizure of three (3) computers and computer related equipment. Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the United States Secret Service, and the Saluda County Sheriff's Office assisted SLED in the search.

A bond hearing is scheduled for 3:30 p.m. today at the Lexington County Detention Center.

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.