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## **Charleston PD Arrests Sumter Man In Internet Predator Sting**

**Columbia, S.C.** – Attorney General Henry McMaster announced today that Jeremy Defray Coggins, 27, of 592 Dicks Street, in Sumter, was arrested on Thursday, August 10, 2006, by the City of Charleston Police Department on two (2) counts of Criminal Solicitation of a Minor (§ 16-15-342), a felony offense punishable to ten (10) years imprisonment on each count.

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

According to arrest warrants, Coggins began soliciting sex on May 4, 2006, from a person he believed to be a thirteen (13) year old girl. In reality, he was soliciting sex from an officer of the Charleston Police Department.

Coggins is an officer at Turbeville Correctional Institution.

The City of Sumter Police Department assisted in the execution of a search warrant at Coggins' residence that resulted in the seizure of a computer and computer-related items.

A bond hearing for Coggins is scheduled for tomorrow at 2:00 p.m. at the Charleston County Detention Center.

McMaster stressed that all defendants are presumed innocent unless and until they are found guilty in a court of law.

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