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Charlotte Man Sentenced To Eight Years For Internet Sex Crimes

First Criminal To Be Prosecuted With McMaster's Child Internet Predator Law

Columbia, S.C. – Attorney General Henry McMaster announced today that Donald Louis Brink, 32, formerly of 2219 Flint Glenn Lane in Charlotte, North Carolina pleaded guilty to three (3) counts of Criminal Solicitation of a Minor, a felony violation of §16-15-342 of the Code of Laws, and punishable to ten (10) years imprisonment and/or a \$5,000 fine for each count.

Judge Kenneth G. Goode, presiding over the General Sessions Court of Lexington County, sentenced Brink to eight (8) years imprisonment on each count, to be served concurrently.

According to the facts in the case, Brink used the Internet and telephone to solicit sex from what he believed to be an underage victim. In reality, he was communicating directly with SLED agents.

On at least three (3) occasions, Brink contacted and communicated with an undercover SLED agent posing as a thirteen (13) year old girl, for the purpose of or with the intent of persuading, inducing, enticing, or coercing the child to engage or participate in a sexual activity, or a violent crime (as defined by S.C. Code), or with the intent to perform a sexual activity in the presence of the child, or person reasonably believed to be a child under the age of eighteen (18).

A centerpiece of his administration, McMaster prosecuted Brink under the law he pushed through the General Assembly last year with the help of the bill's sponsor, Representative Murrell Smith of Sumter. The law makes it a crime to stalk, lure or entice a child for abduction or sexual assault.

This case was developed by the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force (ICAC), using the S.C. Computer Crimes Center, a partnership of SLED, the Secret Service, and the FBI. ICAC is operated by the Attorney General's Office, and used to prosecute child sexual exploitation, pornography, and now cyber enticement cases.

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